#### Israeli soldier, 2 guerrillas killed

TYRE (AFP) - Israeli soldier and two Hizbollah guerrillas were Fixed in a clash on Tuesday just outside the Israeli-occupied zone in South Lebanon, security officials said. Three other fighters of Hizbollah's armed wing, the Islamic Resistance, were wounded in the clash. And two Lebanese civilians, a five-year-old child and a 30-year-old woman, were also injured by Katyusha rockets fired at the village of Beil Lif inside the occupied zone following the clash, hospital officials said. Security officials said the fighting broke out hospital oricals said seemly oricals said the righting broke our when an Israeli commando crossed north of the zone around the willage of Yater — a Hizbollab stronghold — to lay mines. Hizbollah guerrillas who arrived to dismantle the mines were ambushed nearby by Israeli soldiers, they said. The guerrillas fired Karyusha rockets and rocket-propelled grenades, while Israeli Dail at the Karyusha rockets and rocket-propelled grenades, while Israeli Karyusha rockets and rocket-propelled grenades, while Israeli forces shelled Yater and nearby Kafra with heavy artillery, said from Goksel, spokesman for U.N. peacekeepers in South Lebanoo, Israeli gunners fired more than 250 heavy calibre shells in three hours as low-flying helicopters strafed the area with more than 5,000 rounds of machine-gun fire, the security officials said.



#### U.S. to head Mideast trade meeting

CAIRO (R) — The United States will head a meeting cext week for trade ministers of Israel, Jordan, Egypt and the Palestinians in an Egyptian resort to lay the groundwork for Middle East economic cooperation io an era of peace. Egyptian Foreign Ministry official Jamal Bayyoumi, bead of the Israeli affairs department, told Reuters U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown would preside over the two-day meeting aimed at boosting economic development, economic cooperation and trade and to encourage private enterprises. The meeting would take place on Feb. 7 and 8 in the border resort of Taba, he said. The ministers have intentionally chosen Taba, linking Israel with Jordan and Egypt, to be the veoue of the meeting as a symbol of peace and prosperity. The ministers would discuss a tourist free-zone area along the borders between Egypt, Jordan and Israel.

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## The West William No Israeli shift Bildt Onto P NPT stand

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#### Yemenite Jewish cult leader convicted

TEL AVIV (AP) — A Tel main perty victed a charismatic cult leader and several followers of barricading themselves and staging a fatal shootout with police last year. Uzi Mesbulam, a self-appointed rabbi and champion of Israeli Jews of Yemenite descent, and 11 followers were convicted of insurgency, conspiracy, illegai possession of weapons and assault. Some of the counts Dal carry peoalties of up to 20 years. One policeman was when police tried to on and compound outside Tel Aviv russ in a last May after a 25-bour standened an definition of the governmined who thent this month satisfied what had been the in policy Jewish children were kidnapbuilt light ped sbortly after emigraong

# BCCI payments

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## King visits liberated areas, promises to turn region into green valley

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein on Tuesday visited areas in the Wadi Araba region which were evacuated by Israel and returned to Jordaniao sovereignty on Monday in line with the Oct. 26 peace treaty between the two countries and pledged to launch development projects there.
"We are determined to

turn this wadi into a green valley in the era of peace, which is one link in the chain of developments which will be crowned with comprehensive peace in the Middle East region," the King told soldiers who took over the area

after Monday's withdrawal.
While the King did not elaborate, it was obvious that be was referring to the comprebensive plan for the development of the Jordan Rift Valley agreed between Jordan and Israel under American sponsorship. The plan calls for hundreds of millions of dollars to be invested in joint projects as well as investments to develop infrastructure in the area.

"I share with you the great joy over the restoration of the occupied Jordanian land, which we will defend with our

lives and preserve for the future generation," the King told the soldiers.

'This land we stand upon sidear to every one of us," he said as the soldiers shouted slogans in praise of His Majesty and recewed their pledge of loyalty to the Hashemite Throne. "I can see the joy reflected in your eyes. We will see all the Jordanian lands restored to Jordanian sovereignty in the next few days."

Israel is expected to complete its withdrawal from Jordan to newly-marked international borders by Feb. 9-10, returning about 380 square kilometres of southern Jordanian territory it has occupied since 1968. Israel will also return an 830-dunum plot of Jordanian land in the comb

on Feb. 9. "We have been living in a state of waiting and instabil-ity," the King said. "We were uncertain about the future. But now we have regained our lands and we are determined to stand firm on it and pursue the process of construction, living as one family and moving ahead in a united

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Knesset questions 'legality' of return

of territory TEL AVIV (Agencies) — The Israeli parliament has ordered an inquiry into the legality of the return of occupied land to Jordan before legislation on the issue has completed its passage through the house, officials

said Tuesday. Speaker Shevah Weiss called on Police Minister Moshe Shahal to investigate how the government handed back a strip of the Wadi Araba deseri on Monday while the Oct. 26 peace treaty still had to pass second and third readings for ratification.

Jordan began to take control Monday of a 340 squarekilometre border strip, most of which Israel seized in 1968

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His Majesty King Hussein on Tuesday visits areas in the Wadi Araba region evacuated by Israel on Monday (Armed

## **Crown Prince visits** northern badia, reviews work on 100-km road

MAFRAQ (Petra) — His Royal Higbness Crown Prince Hassan on Monday visited the Fifth Royal Armoured Division in the north badia region, where he was briefed by the division's commander on progress of military exerises being carried out by

the division's units. The Crown Prince also inspected progress of work on a 100-kilometre Aradani border road and stressed the need for speeding up to work in view of its importance for agriculture and development investments.

The road, being constructed by the division's engineering unit in cooperacion with the Ministry of Public Works, will help farmers in the northern badia offering them easy access to farmlands and

serve their transportation

Work on 34 kilometres of the road bas been completed.

Prince Hassan said the construction of roads to serve the agriculture sector was part or the Armed Force's role in develop-

At the end of his visit, Prince Hassan warned against abuse of agricultural land, particularly against using farmlands for industrial purposes. He called for adopting policies to avoid any dam-

ages to the environment. The Crown Prince was accompanied by Minister of Public Works and Housing Abdul Razaq Ensour, Mafraq Governor Quftan Al Majali and the chief of staff for land forces.

#### **Gulf** visit Kabariti back after 'successful' AMMAN (J.T.1 — Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Al good start to enbance "We hope that during the sein to the emir of Bahrain coming stage we will be able Sheikh Isa Ben Salman Al Kabariti returned bome on to overcome differences and

Tuesday after visits to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bahrain in wbat he described as a successful effort to improve Jordan's relations with the two countries and bring about better mter-Arab ties.

"The basis for good rela-tions between Jordan on the one hand and the UAE and Bahrain has always been there," Mr. Kabariti told Jordan Television in an arrival statement. "I think the Jordanian message which I carried to the two countries the responses I received. I believe, constitute a start

unify efforts to achieve (Arab) coherence and solidarity and to face internal and external challenges and risks, which I think are now tbreateniog our national security and strategic in-terests," Mr. Kabariti said.

"There was concord and an agreement to start a new stage, an agreement to unify our efforts and stop polarisation policies and adhere to the policy of serious joint Arab action," the foreign minister added.

Mr. Kabariti, who arrived Banrain Monday from the UAE, conveyed a message from His Majesty King Hus-

He also met with Bahraini

fa Ben Salman Al Khalifa and his Bahraini counterpart Sheikh Mohammad Ben Mubarak Al Khalifa, The talks Mr. Kabariti beld with the Bahraini leaders focused on bilateral relations and means, of enhancing them, developments in Arab and international arenas and means of consolidating inter-Arab relations, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said. On Monday, UAE Deputy

Prime Minister Sheikh Khali-

Prime Minister Sheikh Sultan scribed the visit by Mr. Kabariti to the UAE as a

Jordanian-UAE relations. In a statement to Petra on Tuesday, Sbeikh Sultan expressed bope that the foreign

minister's visit would mark

the opening of a new chapter

in relations between the two countries. He said the coming stage requires overcoming differences and unifying Arab efforts to achieve Arab solidarity to be able to confront the challenges on the Arab

and international arenas. Sbeikh Sultan said Jordan and the UAE could offer a lot to achieve solidarity through the wisdom of the

## Settlers vow to replace army in W. Bank outposts OCCUPIED JERUSALEM But a military spokesman them against the Israeli

- Jewisb settlers. opposing Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's peace moves, said on Tuesday they were ready to take over any posts vacated by the army in the occupied West Bank.

On the prime minister's orders the army has already begun thinning its forces and we will take their places wherever they leave," said Nissan Slomiansky, who is operations officer of the council of Jewish settlements.

Settlers who oppose Mr. Rabin's 1993 peace deal with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) bave renewed bousing construction in the West Bank.

"We bave received authorisation from the army to replace their patrols 17 bours a day on the two roads leading to Qedumim and around the settlement," "mayor" Yossef Kapab of the Qeduim settle-

ment said.
"We are in danger here and if the soldiers leave the area in line with the agree-ments signed with the Palestine Liberation Organisacion (PLO), we bave no other choice but to defend ourselves and we know how to," be added.

no agreement with the settlers. They don't have the right to operate outside the settlements and the army remains responsible for the security of all Israelis living in

the territories." Nissan Smilianski, security chief for West Bank and Gaza Strip settlements, had praised the move which effectively creates a vigilante force for the Qedumim area, just

west of Nablus. "The army decision is unprecedented and will enable us to defend ourselves against Palestinain terrorists," he

told army radio. A military spokesman did not deny the report initially, saying the army has recourse "to different methods to pro-tect Jewish inhabitants in the territories."

The announcement came after several dozen Israelis from Oedumim, which has a population of 2,500, tried unsuccessfully on Monday to take over a former army post

Israeli Police Minister Moshe Shahal on Monday defended his decision to introduce dogs against Paleso-nians and promised not to use

Mr. Shahal told parliament the problem of extremist suicide attackers required a reassessment of security mea-

"With all the problems and sensitivities surrounding dog... these dogs can improve security and save he said. Mr. Shahal said an unspe-

cified number of dogs trained in detecting explosives would help enforce the closure of the West Bank and Gaza. "There is no intencion to use these dogs in demonstra-

tions or against any legitimate public action." Mr. Shahal pledged. Israel has asked the Palesone self-rule government to hand over five Palesonians

suspected in the slayings of four Israelis, a government spokesman said. Israeli officials refused comment when asked wbether Israel threatened sanctions if PLO Chairman

with the request. However. Mr. Peres said Tuesday that a closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip,

Yasser Arafat did not comply

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## Jews barred from Hebron mosque as Ramadan begins

HEBRON, occupied West Bank (Agencies) - The Israeli army, fearing blood-shed during the Holy Month of Ramadan, barred Jews on Tuesday from the site of a 1994 mosque massacre in the occupied West Bank, witnesses and the army said.

The army also imposed severe security checks on Muslim worshippers, many of whom said they were sull afraid to pray in the Ibrahimi Mosque where a Jewish settler killed at least 30 Palestinians at prayer during Ramadan last year.

"It's easier to get into the White House than to enter the mosque," said worshipper Maher Iman. 37, who was among the hundreds wounded in the February massacre. He said troops with metal detectors turned him away

four times before finally let-

ting him in.

Witnesses said soldiers turned away a group of 30 Jewish settlers who wanted to enter the mosque. The troops watched over the settlers as they prayed in an adjacent

Israeli security authorities. dismayed at suicide bombings that have killed scores of Israelis since the mosque incident, had said they expected militant groups to stage further high-profile attacks during Ramadan.

An army spokesman said: Jews will be prohibited from entering the site on Tuesday and on four other days during the month of Ramadan, which was beginning on Tuesday in the West Bank and Gaza.

About 150 people, a relatively small number of the mosque, took part in dawn

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## Cabinet approves accords with PNA

AMMAN (Petra) - The and to monitor commodity Cabinet on Tuesday approved the cooperation and coordination agreement and the seven accords signed by Jordan and the Palesonian National Authority (PNA) last Thursday in the presence of His Majesty King Hussein and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

The Cabinet, meeting under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, was briefed by Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Al Kabariti on the outcome of his visits to the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. Mr. Kabariti returned to Amman from Bahrain earlier Tuesday (see separate story).

The Cabinet also endorsed a Jordanian-Yemeni agreement, which provides for cooperation in the field of civil service and administrative development as well as a Jordanian-Swedish agreement on investment protec-

The Council of Ministers was also briefed by Supply Minister Adel Al Qudah on the ministry's preparations for the Holy Month of Ramadan, which starts today. Mr. Qudah outlined plans to make available all food supplies during the fasting month

prices. The minister also briefed the cabinet on plans by the ministry to open sougs (markets in the open) in various parts of the Kingdom. He said the ministry will start by bolding sougs in five areas of Amman where farmers can sell their produce to people directly without intermediaries, noting that this will help consumers buy agricultural produce at low

At later stages, he said, other sougs will be opened in other areas of the Kingdom with the objective of serving both farmers and consumers. in addition to making fruits and vegetables available in the market at fair prices.

The minister added that the ministry decided to establish an operation room which will be working around the clock to receive complaints and proposals by citizens, stressing that one of its tasks will be taking merchants who violate pricing policies of the ministry to courts. The names of those violators will be published in the press after they are indicted by courts, he stressed.

Mr. Qudah emphasised that all food supplies were available in abundance,

## Ramadan — a season that brings a new mood

By Natasha Bukhari Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Supermarkets, bakeries, bntcheries and all other food and beverage shops witnessed a massive shopping spree on Toesday as the Kingdom's overwhelming Muslim majority stocked up food on the eve of the fasting month of Ramadan.

A spirit of joy accompames the Ramadan shopping as people anxiously await the arduous month of some hours of restraint from food, drink, smoking and other materialistically pleasurable activities.

But the religious and spiritual halo of Ramadan is accompanied with social enthusiasm. The number of people attending mosque prayers during the month increases and social activities and visits to relatives and friends are hyped up. The month symbolises continuity and brings about a ;feeling of solidarity among people. Withstanding all change in different walks of life, Ramadan remains stable, uniform, traditional and lets nobody down.

Amid o'mes of social, political, cultural and economic turbulances, the fasting month brings along a feeling of security. Year after year, Rama-

dan, is celebrated in the same way. Seasonal foods and beverages mark the month of fasting. Among these are kataief (cheese and nut stuffed pastries) and tamer hindi (sweet and spicy beverages), Annually, the lunar cres-cent heralds the month of

Ramadan which lasts 29 to 30 days during which Muslims abstain from eating, drinking and smoking from dawn until sunset. The month commemo-

rates the days when the

Angel imparted the wisdom of the Koran to the Propbet Mobammad.

Some think Ramadan is too long or too strentious. others complain that restaurants refrain from selling alcoholic drinks during that month, but all people agree that it is unique in that it has a special atmosphere that breaks that routine exercised at the remaining 11 months of the

Some of the country's Christian minority, however, do not share some Muslims' entbusiasm over Ramadan as they feel detached from the religious significance of the Holy Month and do not appreciate the change in working hours that accompany Ramadan, when official working bours are reduced

cial life takes on a different

by an hour and a balf. "People become less productive, more edgy and so-

pattern not compatible to mine," says one Chrisoan, adding that he enjoys late dinners at Amman restaurants and a glass of wine with bis meal, which he is deprived of for the whole month as consumption of alcobol is prohibited in public places during that

month. "It is the month of forgiveness, piety, bonesty and friendliness," says Abmad Mansour, a 42year-old Muslim, in de-. scribing Ramadan, adding that the pressures of life sometimes tend to minimise such basic bumanitarian traits in people. "But Ramadan comes as a reminder that these cbaracteristics are the most im-

portant in life." Many look forward to late night visiong of friends and family and having a somulant-free and simple evening away from bars and nightclubs.

"Tbirty days of not drinking alcobol gives your system a break," says one Muslim who only abstains from consuming alcohol during Ramadan.

Others say that what makes the month special is that at least for a few hours a day, people are equal in that none of them are allowed to indulge in food, drink.

But social equality in terms of nourishment ceases to exist at sunset. when the fast is broken as the "more fortunate" Muslims' breakfast tables are filled with all different kinds of food ranging from meats to soup to pasta while the "less fortunate" peoples' modest dining table lacks variety.

Despite all arguments. Ramadan remains to bc a religious and cultural occasion that does, in its own way, bring people closer together.

## In Memory of the Late James P. Grant

Under the patronage of Her Maiestv Queen Noor Al-Hussein, a memorial ceremony for the late Mr. James Grant, UNICEF Executive Director will be held on Thursday 2 February 1995 at 10:30 at the Royal Cultural Centre. Colleagues and Friends of UNICEF, Children and Mr. Grant are cordially invited to attend.

## Egypt and U.S. divided over Libya, Mubarak says

CAIRO (Agencies) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said Monday his country disagreed with the United States on the subject of Libya and rejected all American interference in its foreign

Mr. Mubarak, speaking to university students, said: "These differences of opinion must not cast a negative shadow on our relations."

U.S. newspapers recently accused Egypt of helping Libya to get round a U.N. air embargo, imposed in April 1992 after Tripoli refused to hand over two suspects in the 1988 bomhing of a Pan Am airliner over Lockerhie. Scotland, that killed 270.

\*Certain people imagine that a campaign against the Egyptian president will push him to cut his ties with Lihya. They are very wrong," Mr. Mubarak said, quoted by the official news agency MENA.

"Egypt works and will work to find a solution to the Lockerbie crisis and reject pressure to force it to take positions contrary to its beliefs and interests.

· "Libya is an Arah country and a neighbour with whom we have mutual interests and where a large number of Egyptian families and work-

ers live. He added: "Relations between Egypt and the U.S. are hased on mutual respect and we make our decision independently, rejecting any

alignment or interference. Mr. Muharak insisted Egypt had not violated U.N. sanctions but acknowledged that a private Egyptian company bad done so by flying in goods. "We have taken steps to ensure there is no repeat.

The president also spoke of Egypt's dispute with Israel over the Jewish state's refusal to sign the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Egypt has threatened not to sign a renewal of the treaty in April unless Israel joins

"The Jewish state must take a step forward on the road to signing (the pact), which will be followed by a bigger step from us," Mr. Mubarak said.

"If Israel does not want to sign the treaty until peace is signed with all Arab states, it must set a deadline to reach comprehensive peace.

'If Israel does not want to sign because Iran possesses

CAIRO (AP) - After the

bloodiest day in Egypt's Isla-

mie insurgency, the govern-

ment appears more deter-

mined than ever to crush the

militants' three-year eam-

paign.
But a rising toll and sim-

mering anger in the country-

side has led some to ask:

What will be the cost to the

country from the government

war, a secret war, against the fundamentalists," said Negad

Al Borai, secretary-general of the Egyptian Organisation

for Human Rights. "The

weapon is boss, and the police are talking about re-

In several clashes Satur-

day, police shot dead 16 sus-

pected militants, and extrem-

ists killed two policemen and two civilians. Twelve of the

suspects were killed as police

tried to flush militants out of

hideouts in quarries in

Minya, a province 200

kilometres south of Cairo

where fighting has been fier-

The police have declared

crackdown?

venge.

realise that is a threat to us,

Another U.S. intelligence document has surfaced questioning Libya's involvement in the 1988 Pan Am bombing that killed 270, a paper reported here Monday.

"A secret FB! (Federal Bureau of Investigations) document has demolished a key part of the case against two Libyans accused of the bombing," said the Independent, quoting papers it said were leaked ahead of a House of Commons debate on the bombing Wednesday.

The document, said the paper, challenges prosecution evidence that the bomb that destroyed the plane was loaded onto the aircraft in Frankfurt, after arriving in Germany on a different flight from Malta.

The report follows one by the Scottish Daily Record last week that U.S. intelligence documents released under the Freedom of Information Act implicated Iran, not Libya, in the explosion of the Jumbo jet.

The Record quoted a U.S. source as saying that the then-Iranian interior minister, Ayatollah Ali Akbar Mohtashami, had paid \$10 million to various groups to earry out the Lockerbie

bombing and other attacks. Both the U.S. and Britain bave distanced themselves from the allegations, saying the evidence still points to

The Independent said British, German and U.S. investigators had examined Frankfurt airport computer records showing the unaccompanied suitcase thought to have contained the bomb arrived in Frankfurt from Malta on Air Malta Flight KM180.

That led British and U.S. authorities to charge Lamen Khalifa Fhimah and Abdel Basset Ali Al Megrahi, Libyan Arab Airline employees in Malta, with putting the suitcase on Flight KM180, it

However, the FBI briefing paper states "there is no concrete indication that any piece of luggage was un, loaded from Air Malta 180, sent through the luggage routing system at Frankfurt airport, and then loaded on board Pan Am 103," the In-

dependent said. The document suggests the baggage records were "mis- tins in the light of this denuclear weapons, it must leading" and the bomb suit-

The deaths brought to 82

the number of people killed

this month as almost daily

battles have intensified. It is

toll so far in the insurgency,

the highest monthly death

rivalling the toll for all of 1992

when 93 people were killed.

southern Egypt. The extrem-

ists strike at village police

stations, often targetting

those drafted into the secur-

ity service who are little

trained and sometimes no-

armed. The radicals have de-

clared that the secular gov-

ernment is corrupt and must

be replaced by Islamic rule.

Typically, police raids that bring high death tolls among

militants come a day or two

after major attacks on police.

On Friday, militants killed six

police who were escorting a

The stepped-np hattles have accompanied a crack-down on the Muslim Brother-

hood, Egypt's largest fun-

damentalist organisation.

Though officially outlawed as

tourist convoy in Minya.

The war is being fought in

a "rogue bag inserted into the system," said the paper. The two Libyans deny the charges against them and have refused to surrender for trial in either the U.S. or Britain, but bave offered to stand trial in the Netherlands, which Britain has re-

case might have come off another flight or simply been

jected A Libyan minister said on Sunday that Tripoli bad turned down the leadership of the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU) which it is due to assume later this year because of the Lockerhie affair.

Jomaa Al Fazzani, Libya's minister for (pan-Arah) unity, said Tripoli would not take the post because the other members of the fivememher group were implementing sanctions, im-posed by the United Nations against Lihya over the Pan

Am airliner bomhing. Mr. Fazzani said be had told his colleagues in the AMU foreign ministers council, which met in Algiers on Saturday, that Libyan leader Muammar Oadbafi would not head the group for the year after an AMU summit planned for March or April in Algiers.

The Libyan Jamahiriya has decided to not assume the AMU chairmanship at its next sessison.... it will not be serious for (Qadhafi) to chair the union which failed to solve the people's problems." Mr. Fazzani told Reuters in

Asked whether the decision was linked to the Lockerbie affair. Mr. Fazzani said: "This is one of the problems. Despite the fact that each day new facts appear elearing Libya in the Lockerhie affair, the AMU was not able to stop implementing the (U.N.) sanctions."

It has asked its AMU partners, Tunisia. Algeria. Morocco and Mauritania, not to adhere to the sanctions. The AMU was established in 1989.

Last week, Tripoli, after disclosure of the U.S. report that accused Iran, not kibya: of involvement in the bomb-ing, demanded sanctions be urgently lifted.

Mr. Fazzani said the AMU foreign ministers meeting in Algiers had only deicded to appeal to the U.N. Security Council to review the sanc-

Cairo talks tough, but opposition to bloodshed grows

But following the arrest of

27 Brotherhood members, in-

cluding a former legislator,

the government sought to

link it to the radical Al

Gamaa Al Islamiyah, (Islamic

Group). President Hosni

Mnbarak also pointedly

warned opposition parties.

unions and anti-government

"The bonest opposition criticises and advises, but it

does not fabricate and insti-

gate," Mr. Mubarak said in a

nationally televised speech

last week. "It is committed to

the limits of legitimacy and

The hardline interior

minister, Hassan Al Alfi, bas

sounded a similar note, call-

ing the Muslim Brotherhood

a cloak for radical groups operating in Egypt and other

The government's re-

Security forcea have

sponse bas been fierce, parti-

clamped curfews on villages

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velopment.

the government.

Another suspected militant was killed Sunday in Gena. a political party, the Brother-hood has been tolerated by

## Talabani seeks Turkish mediation

ANKARA (Agencies) — The leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), Jala Talabni, called on Turkey Tuesday to belp end bit-ter fighting in northern Iraq between his group and a rival faction.

"We want to maintain good relations with Turkey. I ask for Turkey to mediate, the PUK chief told Ankara's newspaper Hurriyet in an interview published Tuesday. His group has been locked

in a fierce struggle for power with the rival Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) led by Massud Barzani in Kurdisb-contriled northern Iraq and they have clashed sporadicdally since last May. Sustained fighting broke

out on Dec. 24 for control of the key town of Erbil cap-tured by the PUK, and has so far claimed 500 lives according to Kurdish sources. A spokesman for Mr. Barzani told the paper: "This ware has bene impose don us. Talabani is trying to drag the PKK into this," referring to the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) which is fighting for independence in southeast Turkey. But Mr. Talabani denied

We are on the defensive.

the accusatin, saying: "We always want to stay friends with Turkey. We have never got involved in a war against Turkey with the PKK.

Turkey has warned warring Kurdish groups not to col-laborate with the PKK, which uses northern lraq as a secondary operations base.

Mr. Talabani added the PUK had accepted all U.N. peace initiatives, or others made by Kurdish and other Iraqi opposition groups, and hlamed Mr. Barzani for the continued fighting. "Barzani will not stop the

war before be has captured Erbil," he charged.

A joint U.S. and Turkish delegation toured northern Iraq last week and met with

zon "left a lot to be desired

The issue of blackmail and

Mr., Kassar's relationship with the PLF were at the

centre of the case, which

observers sometimes found

confusing, with disputes be-

tween prosecution and de-

fence lawyers following con-

tradictory or hearsay evi-

Mr. Kassar claimed that

soon after he was arrested a

Syrian-born naturalised

Spanish citizen, who, accord-

ing to the defendant, knew

Garzon asked him for \$100

million for the magistrate to

A U.S. drugs enforcement agent said Mr. Kassar, who

bas been under investigation

by the U.S. authorities for

the last 10 years in connec-

tion with alleged drng-

smuggling, knew PLF leader

Mohammad Abbas and pro-

duced photographs of the two

neuce - a political strategy

depending on political im-

agination and new blood in

the machinery of the govern-

ment and the machinery of

Calls for a different

approach are even appearing

in the staid government

Egypt's most popular

magazine, Rose Al Yousef,

blamed both the rebels and

the government for the surge

in violence. Mustafa Amin,

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"If we can reconcile with

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with our sons and country-

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the rival leaders. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has offered to mediate in the conflict, but the offer was immediately turned

by the KDP. The Kurds have controlled northern Iraq since the end of the January-February 1991 Gulf war in defiance of Bagti dad and with the belp of a U.S.-led coalition which has based its monitoring planes in Turkey.

The sporadic clashes be tween the two main Kurdish groups in northern Iraq show no sign of letting up and relations between the rival factions appear close to breakdown, Iraqi Kurdish sources say.

One source in Turkey close to the PUK said the two groups were still talking to each other for the time being and that there was no "total hreakdown" in the region.

"But if this goes on much longer there will be a real collapse," he told Reuters.

#### Judgement reserved in Achille Lauro trial carried ont by the star Span-

MADRID (AFP) - Judgement in the case of wealthy Syrian businessman Monzer Al Kassar, charged in con-nection with the hijacking of the Italian cruise liner Achille Lauro in October 1985, was reserved Monday at the end of a three-week trial.

Under the Spanish panel code the verdict will be made public in the next days or weeks. Mr. Kasser, 49, said Monday hefore leaving the court in a luxury car that he was satisfied with the way the trial had turned out.

Mr. Kassar was charged with piracy, kidnapping. membership of an armed group and murder. The prosecution bas demanded a 29 year prison sentence.

During the hijacking of the Achille Lauro Klinghoffer, an American, was murdered. Responsibility for the hijacking was claimed by the Palestine Liberation Front (PLF).

Mr. Kassar, who describes himself as "an bonest arms dealer" and is believed to have carried out services for. the Spanisb Interior Ministry, ... was arrested in Madrid in June 1992. He was freed on bail of \$16 million a year later.

His lawvers called Monday for him to be acquitted, claiming the case against him had not been proved. They argued that the investigation,

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wrote Mustafa Bakry, editor

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Others, however, are

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#### India, Turkey sign pacts ish magistrate Baltazar Gar-

NEW DELHI (R) — India and Turkey signed taxation Furthermore, Manuel Cobo Del Rosal, one of his lawyers, argued, "no act of piracy exists" because one and tourism agreements on Tuesday and Turkish Presiboat had not been boarded dent Suleyman Demirel said the two countries could sup-Another of the defence team. Ernesto Diaz Bastien, port each other's interests in former Soviet republics in said Mr. Kassar "bad been tortured" during his impris-omment but "did not yield to Central Asia

The bilateral pacts were signed on the fringes of Mr. Demirel's four-day visit to India, the first by a high-ranking Turkish leader in six

vears. Mr. Demirel met both President Shankar Dayal Sbarma and Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao on the second day of his visit.

Mr. Demirel and Mr. Rao decided that bilateral trade, valued at about \$185 million last year, should increase "several times," domestic news agencies said. Mr. Rao cited opportunities in communications and satellite pro-

Mr. Demirel said Dr. Shar ma's visit to Turkey in July 1993. was a turning point which had given a boost to relations, a statement by the Indian president's office said: "However, the full potent tial of the relationship had

yet to be tapped," it said. "India and Turkey must strengthen cooperation in the economic, cultural and political fields, as well as on international issnes," statement quoted Dr. Shar-

ma as saying.
The Indian president emphasised a shared commitment to multi-party democracy and secularism and said both countries had embraced economic reforms.

"Presidnet Demirel reciprocated these sentiments and emphasised that Turkey and India could work together in regions like Central Asia," the statement

Turkey has expressed interest in forming trilateral ties with India and Central Asian nations. India bas opened a consulate in Istanbul to promtoe ties with those states.

Indian Finance Minister Manmohan Singh and Tur-kish Minister of State Bekir Samin Dace signed an agreement preventing double taxation of businesses.

The pact aims to encourage the bilateral flow of technology, investment, trade and ser-

It also provides for lower rates of taxation of investment incomes such as dividends and interest.

**FOR THE TRAVELLER** 

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## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Iraq tells Arabs not to sign NPT

CAIRO (R) - Iraq on Tuesday called on Arab countries not to sign an extension of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) unless Israel does and warned that Israel's nuclear arsenal threatened Arab security. Nabil Najem, Iraq's permanent representative to the 22-member Arab League, also said Israel must allow international inspectors to examine its nuclear installations. "Iraq stresses that there must be a link between the extension of the treaty and Israel's acceptance to sign it and Israel's acceptance to open all its nuclear reactors to international inspection, Mr. Najem said in a statement. "Israel is the only party in the region that has not signed the current treaty, refuses to sign the new treaty, refuses to open its installations for international inspection and continues to produce nuclear and mass destruction weapons, which pose a dangerous threat to Arah national security and to peace in the region," he added.

#### Cyprus court adjourns trial of Britons

NICOSIA (R) — The trial of three British soldiers charged in Cyprus with the murder of a Danish woman was adjourned on Tuesday following the appointment of a new attorney general. Hearing will resume on Feb. 15 with the participation of new Attorney General Alecos Markides, who replaced the retired Michalakis Triantafyllides on Monday. "It will give the new attorney general time to study further the case and be ready to appear before the court," Chief Prosecutor Petros Clerides told Renters. The Supreme Court will hear legal arguments on a criminal court's decision in November to grant a pre-trial hearing and complaints over composition of that court's three-member bench. It will then decide if prison wardens violated the soldiers' rights by taking away the written notes of two of the accused. Alan Ford, 26, from Birmingham, Justin Fowler, 27, from Falmouth, Cornwall, and Jeff Pernell, 23, from Oldbury in the West Midlands, are accused of the manslaughter of tour guide Louise Jensen, 23, last September. Her battered body was found in a shallow grave near the resort town of Paralimni. The three soldiers, who served at a British base on the Island, are detained at Nicosia central prison.

#### Gunmen shoot dead Kurdish party official

DIYARBAKIR, Turkey (R) — Unidentified gunmen have shot dead a provincial official of the pro-Kurdish People's Democracy Party (HADEP) in sontheast Turkey in the second such attack in two weeks, security officials said on Tuesday. Vasif Cetin, a HADEP administrative official, was gunned down on a central street of Batman town on Monday night, they said. On Jan. 17, Batman's Hadep Provincial Secretary Zeki Atlig died on the way to hospital after being attacked by two unidentified gunmen near his home. Since 1991, scores of Kurdish activists, among them poblicians, lawyers, writers and trade unionists, bave been mysteriously murdered in Turkey, mainly in the southeast. Kurds blame the murders on shadowy forces connected with the state. Ankara denies any such groups exist. The mainly-Kurdish southeast is site of a decade-long insurgency by the separatist Kurdish Labour Party (PKK). More than 14,000 people have died in the PKK's battle for an independent state in the sontheast.

#### Israelis train Palestinian bank guards

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) - Former Israeb army and police sharpshooters are training Palestinians to guard banks on the occupied West Bank, Israel radio reported Tuesday. Security guard company flya has already given two-day courses north of Tel Apriv to eight Palestinians and about 100 more are enrolled to follow. The men will be employed to protect banks at Nablus and Ramallah. However, the Yediot Aharonot newspaper quoted "angry" Israeli security officials who warned of the dangers of teaching Palestinians to fire guns. Ilya owner Ikutiel Yossef services. "It's better that we train the Palestinians than our foreign competitors such as the Germans who bad already offered to do so," he said.

#### **UAE** car thieves drive into police trap

DUBAI (R) — A gang of thieves drove into trouble in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) when they tried to sell three stolen four-wheel drive cars for the price of one. UAE newspapers quoted police on Tuesday as saying the theft of the three Toyota Landcruisers from a used car dealer's yard in Sharjah on Monday was masterminded by a Lebanese and carried out by another Lebanese and three Russians. The gang aroused suspicions when they offered the three cars for 165,000 dirhams (\$45,000), about the market value for one. Sharjah Criminal Investigation Department Director Sultan Al Nuaimi was quoted as saying. They drove the cars into a garage leased by police after an undercover agent promised the gang chief a sale. The five were arrested and the cars returned to the dealer, who was not aware they were missing, newspapers said.

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#### Swiss Lebanese in scandal gets Swiss nationality

BERN (AP) - A Lebanese financier at the centre of one of · Switzerland's biggest ever political scandals has been granted Swiss citizenship. Swiss Justice Ministry spokesman Viktor Schlumpf said Monday that Mohammad Shakarchi met all the requirements for citizenship. He has lived in the country for 20 years and is married to a Swiss woman. Mr. Shakarchi came to prominence after his firm, Shakarchi Trading AG, came under investigation for suspected drug money laundering in the late 1980s. Former Justice Minister Elizabeth Kopp tipped off her husband, Hanns, about the investigations in a secret phone call and told bim to resign as a director of the company. The incident caused uproar. Ms. Kopp, the first female. minister, bad to resign her post. She was put on trial for violating the official secrets act but cleared in February 1990. Charges were never laid against Sbakarchi despite a lengthy investigation.

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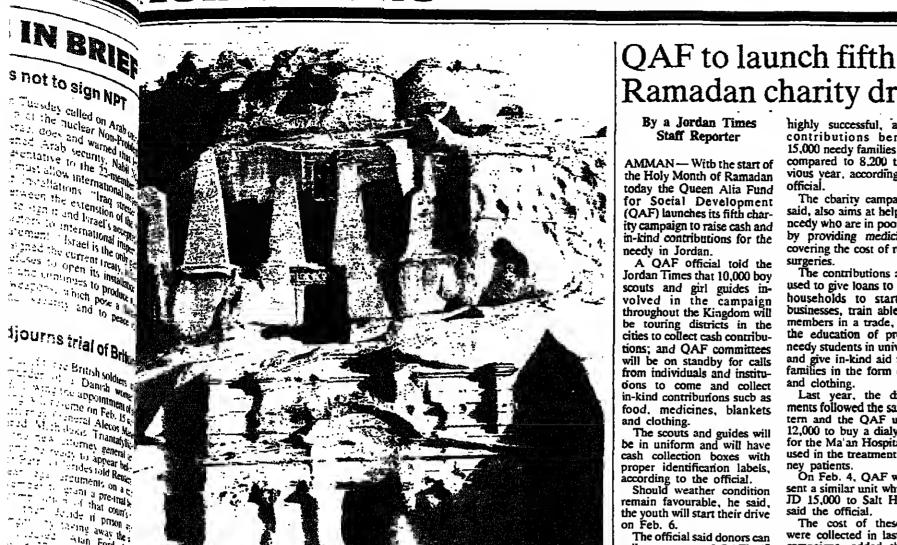
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Petra National Trust, discussed with Minister of Tourism Abdul Ilah Al Khatib ways to aesthetically enhance the entrance to Petra and to facilitate visitors' access to information, brochures and maps of Petra.

During the visit, the Queen toured the Ministry of Tourism Visitors Centre, where the Noor Al Hussein Foundation's (NHF) Jordan Design and Trade Centre (JDTC)

operates a retail outlet, the statement said.

In the future, the JDTC plans to expand its activities by establishing a jewellety workshop for reproductions of bedouin designs to provide employment opportunities and to promote Jordanian handicrafts.

Queen Noor was received by the governor of Maan, the mayor of Petra and the chief of police, according to the statement.

decision regarding teachers' working hours, Mr. Rawab-

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## Ramadan charity drive By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - With the start of the Holy Month of Ramadan today the Queen Alia Fund for Social Development (QAF) launches its fifth charity campaign to raise cash and in-kind contributions for the needy in Jordan

A QAF official told the Jordan Times that 10,000 boy scouts and girl guides involved in the campaign throughout the Kingdom will be touring districts in the cities to collect cash contributions; and QAF committees will be on standby for calls from individuals and instituoons to come and collect in-kind contributions such as food, medicines, blankets and clothing.

The scouts and guides will be in uniform and will have cash collection boxes with proper identification labels,

according to the official.

Should weather condition remain favourable, he said, the youth will start their drive

The official said donors can call at any one of QAF's 45 centres in Jordan and bring in their cash or in-kind contributions.

The previous four Ramadan charity campaigns were highly successful, and the contributions benefited 15,000 needy families in 1994 compared to 8,200 the previous year, according to the official.

The charity campaign, he said, also aims at helping the ncedy who are in poor bealth by providing medicines or covering the cost of required surgeries.

The contributions also are used to give loans to head of households to start small businesses, train able family members in a trade, finance the education of promising needy students in universides and give in-kind aid to poor families in the form of food and clothing.

Last year, the disburse-ments followed the same pat-tern and the QAF used JD 12,000 to buy a dialysis unit for the Ma'an Hospital to be used in the treatment of kidney patients.

On Feb. 4, QAF will present a similar unit which cost JD 15,000 to Salt Hospital, said the official. The cost of these units

were collected in last year's campaigns, added the official, who gave no figures of the total collections in 1994, but said they were much higher than the JD 40,000

## Convicted murderers each sentenced to 7½ years

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Amman Criminal Court Tuesday passed sentences of seven and a half years each in two separate cases of premeditated murder.

According to court papers, the two convicted men each received 15 years with hard labour, but the sentences were reduced to seven and a half years because the families of both criminals dropped their charges.

In the first case, the court paper said, Khalid Hussein was sentenced to seven and a half years with hard abour for killing his 16year-old sister Kifava in the Zaghatit suburb in Jabal Hashmi Shmali on May 29,

The court papers said that on the evening of May 29. Khalid stabbed his sister to death to "cleanse the family's honour.

Kifaya, one of 10 siblings, was raped by her 21-year-old brother Moham-mad on Nov. 13, 1993. She became pregnant, was forced by her family to

undergo an abortion and then was married off to a 50-year-old man who divorced her on May 29; that night, her brother Khalid killed her.

On October 13, Kifaya's brother Mohammad was sentenced to 13 years and four months in prison for the rape and attempted murder of his sister.

In the second case, Rimon Sawaker was sentenced to seven and a half years for killing his 29-yearold sister Romina in her apartment in the Sweifieh area of Amman on Aug. 12, 1994.

The court said that Romina, a Christian wanted to marry a Muslim man, but her family opposed the idea.

According to the court. Rimon argued with his sister about the proposed marriage and when the argument reached a deadlock, Rimon went to his room, brought out an unlicensed gun and shot his sister five times in the head

Autopsy reveals torture of 2-year-old

An autopsy on a two-

year-old girl who died in hospital Sunday revealed that the child had been tortured and severely beaten, according to medical reports.

Initial police reports had said that Qamar Abdul Latif of the Arajan area of Amman, was slapped by her 20-year-old brother. But the autopsy showed that the girl was severely beaten on the head and several parts of her body.

"The girl suffered from a fractured skull and internal bleeding which caused her death," an official at Al Bashir Hospital where the autopsy was performed told the Jordan Times Tuesday.

In an earlier police report, the suspect who was not identified, told police that he did not intend to kill his sister and that he had slapped her because she was crying. The mother of the toddler went to work and left the child alone with her older brother.

The suspect remains under arrest pending further investigations into the

## Open air produce markets to open for Ramadan

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Supply Tuesday said it has reached agreement with the Amman Municipality on setting up open air produce markets in Amman's suburbs during the month of

At these markets, which

will open Saturday, farmers will be permitted to sell their produce at wholesale, and retail prices, directly to cus-tomers, said the announcement which followed a meeting held under the chairmanship of Minister of Supply Adel Qudah.

## JWU seeks to establish first union for secretaries

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - The Jordanian Women's Unioo (JWU) Tuesday announced that it will launch a campaign to establish a secretaries union, the first in the

Kingdom.
We were approached by many secretaries in different fields of work complaining of their work conditions and the abuse they face on a daily basis," a JWU spokeswoman told the Jordan Times Tuesday.

She said that repeated complaints by secretaries in addition to some reports carried in local newspapers tackling the problem, spurred the JWU to study the problem and propose the establishment of a union for secretaries.

The spokeswoman said that most complaints by secretaries, especially in the private sector, point to a weak or non-existent social security system, mainly for retirement and health and injuty insurance.

In addition, the spokeswoman said, some secretaries are forced to spend long hours at work, receive low wages, and are exposed to sexual harassment and some have even been raped by their bosses or the owner of the company they

"We held a meeting recently with some secretaries who explained what they face at work, and based on their complaints. we waged our campaign. she said. According to the spokes-

woman, the JWU will start collecting secretaries signatures, and "when we have gathered enough names. we are going to send it (the petition) along with our proposed project for the establishment of a secretaries union to the Ministry of Labour for consideration and approval."

"The secretaries union, if

established will serve as any other professional union in the Kingdom, and will grant the secretaries their rights and their

duties," she said.
The JWU will hold another meeting on Feb. 9,to further discuss the project, then will organise a lecture at the beginning of March entitled Towards Establishing a Secretaries Union," the spokeswoman said.

In the meantime, the JWU is conducting training courses for groups of women guides at the union who will be dealing with bariered women and chil-

The training course includes lectures by specialists in the field of domestic violence aimed at increasing knowledge and awareness among the women guides to deal with the situation, and to face domestic violence against women and children, said a statement released by the

In addition, the state-ment said, the lectures are designed to teach the guides, especially the ones who will be responding to the planned advisory "hot" line, how to direct women towards the appropriate legal avenues.

Domestic violence is on the increase in the Kingdom, and it is our duty to face it and prevent the suffering that the victims face as a result," President of the JWU Asma Khader said during the opening ses-

Ms. Khader further added that the lectures will teach the women guides the legal, psychological and health support perspective when dealing with com-plaints or calls by women and children.

The training course will conclude on Friday, and the guidance hotine is expected to be announced soon by the JWU.



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## Text of the Jordan-PNA agreement on administrative affairs

AMMAN (J.T.) - Following is a translation of the Jordanian-Palestinian agreement on administrative

affairs. In implementation of the General Agreement on coor-

dinarion between Jordan and the Palestine National Authority (PNA) signed in Amman on Jan. 26, the two sides agree on the following: Article one:

The two sides will take the necessary practical steps to enhance mutual cooperation in administrative affairs and will embark on the exchange of expertise in security matters for the benefit of the two sides and in the interest of the Jordanian and Palestinian people. Article two:

a) The two sides will open the bridges (across the Jordan River) to travellers in both directions on a permanent basis. They will start by opening the bridges for 16 hours at the initial stages.

b) The two sides will facilitate the passage of trucks and other vehicles in both direcdons in accordance with an agreement to be signed by them in this respect.

Article three: The Jordanian side will

issue instructions to the con-

cerned authorities for the ehdorsement of documents issued by the PNA in accordance with arrangements that would safeguard the rights of citizens. Article four:

The two sides will set up a ioint ministerial committee to implement this agreement and approve detailed measures to be applied in the course of this agreement's implementation.

This agreement was concluded in Amman on Jan. 26, 1995 and signed by Jordanian Interior Minister Salameh Hammad and PNA Minister in charge of Civil Liaison and Coordination Jamil Tarifi.

## Workshop discusses technical aspects of regional electric power link ups

AMMAN (J.T.) — In preparation for the electric power link up between Jordan. Egypt, Syria, Turkey and Iraq, the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) Tuesday organised a workshop in Amman to discuss the technical, commercial and legal aspects of the connection and the operational features of the

Mohammad Azzam, head of planning at JEA and secretary general of the Arab Union of Producers, Transporters and Distributors of Electricity, which organised the workshop, told the meeting that electric link up would have economic and technical advantages for the countries involved

The electricity sector in Jordan has been developed over the past two decades and power generation capacity is now estimated at 90 per cent, said Mr. Azzam in an address to the delegates representing Jordan, Egypt. Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Bahrain, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, France, Spain, Italy, Greece and Turkey. Noting that Jordan and

Egypt are already progres-

project, Mr. Azzam said the future stage will entail linking the five states with the Gulf countries to the east and the Maghreb countries and Spain

He said the workshop will enable experts to exchang: ideas and examine the technical, legal and commercial aspects of the power link up, noting that the Jordanian specialists were presenting several working papers on link up procedures and future operations of connected

#### **WHAT'S GOING ON**

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of officials in Mafraq Governorate (Petra

ment.

Rawabdeh defends ministry policies

community college diploma

holders, saying that the ministry has enforced a law

passed in 1994 by the Parlia-

versity degree as the mini-

mum requirement for

appointment at Ministry of

However, he said, the

ministry appoints diploma

holders on a temporary basis

whenever university gradu-.

On the recruitment policy,

Mr. Rawabdeh said, priority

in appointments in teaching

posts in governorates is given

to graduates from the same

If no graduates are avail-

able in the governorate then

graduates from the neigh-

bouring governorate will be

sure comfort and stability for

teachers, he added.

This policy is aimed to en-

Defending bis ministry's

Education schools.

ates are not available.

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appointed.

The law sets the first uni-

#### FILM

Film entitled "Jude the Obscure" at the British Council at 7:00 p.m.

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

Photographic exhibition entitled "To Be or Not to Be industry Destroys Nature" at the Royal Cultural

- \* Exhibition of abstract art by Mohammad Labadi at Alia Art Gallery.
- ★ Exhibition of works by Iraqi artist Fakhir Muhammad at
- the Ab'ad Art Gallery.
- ☆ Exhibition of the works of Lebanese artist Amin Al Basha at Darat Al Funun. Also showing another exhibi-tion entitled "Phase II-Doors and Windows" by Jordanian artist Ghada Dahdaleh and works by contemporary Arah artists.
- ★ Educational works depicting the life of "Voltaire" at the French Cultural Centre.
- ★ Exhibition of works by Hala Mahayni at the Petra International Hotel in Agaba.

## Deported poet says he was defending his people

AMMAN ((AP) - A Jordanian poet who was deported from Kuwait for allegedly slandering a Kuwaiti columnist Tuesday said he was only trying to defend Palestinians against attacks in the

emirate's media. Tawfiq Amarneh. 57. also accused columnist Fouad Al Hashim of waging a "hatred campaign" against him and said be was deported from Kuwait despite earlier assurances to the contrary from the crown prince and prime

minister, Sheikh Saad Abdul-

lah Al-Sabah, Mr. Amarneh, who is of

Palestinian origin and lived in Kuwait for 35 years until his deportation on Saturdy, said he bore no malice against the people of the emirate. Despite the injustice that

has befallen me I will never forget Kuwait and its people," said Mr. Amarneh, who arrived here on Sunday via Cairo, Egypt,

Mr. Amarneh was expelled when Mr. Hashim, a col-umnist of Kuwait's Al-Watan Arabic language daily, took

him to court after the poet telefaxed him an "offensive"

"I didn't insult any Kuwaiti," Mr. Amarneh said in an interview. "I was only defending my people who are attacked every now and then by racist people like

Hashim." "Hashim was insulting Jordanians and Palestinians with every dirty word available without anybody to stop him, that was the reason why I wrote him the poem, to

defend the reputation of my

people," said Mr. Amarneh.

Following the liberation of Kuwait on Feb. 26, the majority of the emirate's 400,000 Palestinians and Jordanians were expelled from Kuwait for alleged collaborating or sympathising with Iraq during its sevenmonth occupation.

Although the poem was not published, a Kuwaiti court ruled in October that Mr. Amarneh was guilty of slander because "he likened (Hashim,")

usiness

KOBE, Japan (R) — Earthquake-devastated Kobe gave Emperor Akihito a generally cool reception Tuesday when he visited the port city two weeks after more than 5.000 people perished in Japan's worst postwar disaster.

Some refugees said the emperor was being used to deflect anger from the response of Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama's government to the Jan. 17 disaster which left 270,000 people homeless.

The government has been heavily criticised and some refugees said the emperor should share responsibility for deaths in Kobe slums for failing to end discrimination against the poor which stems from an ancient class system he heads.

But other refugees were thrilled by his encouragement after losing families and friends, homes and husinesses.

"The emperor should use his head." said one shop-keeper who lost one of her two stores and asked not to he named. "He's being used by politicians and isn't going to accomplish anything by coming here.'

The government has been accused of complacency and delays in sending help, espe-cially the army, to Kohe when it was ripped apart by the huge quake.

The National Police Agency death toll stood at 5,096 with 13 still listed as missing Tuesday. But city officials

Tempers flared in the U.S.

House of Representatives as

Democrats rebelled against

Republican efforts to keep

their Contract With America

legislation moving along at a

On the floor of the House

and in committee Democrats

charged they were being

"gagged" by the tyranny of the majority when debate was limited on legislation.

Republians countered that

Democrats were using "guer-

rilla tactics" to prevent pas-

quick pace.

said the figure could go as high as 5,400 as some 300 deaths had not been reported yet to police.

The quake also destroyed or severely damaged 103,000 buildings and nearly 270,000 evacuees were still camped out in schools and gymna-

Another refugee, while not critical of the emperor himself, blamed the centuries-old imperial class system for severe damage in the Kobe borough of Nagata.

"I'm not saying Akihito is personally responsible for the damage in Nagata-Ku, but the system he represents certainly played its part," a 40-year-old refugee told Reu-

ters. She said Nagata, in western Kobe where hundreds of flimsy, old houses were gut-ted by fires that killed ahout 700 people, was home to poor "hurakumin." descendants of the untouchable class of the Edo period (1603-

The woman said discrimination against Burakumin resulted in poor houses and narrow roads, with public huildings — such as schools and hospitals — few and far between.

"Nagata-Ku has been a slum for 200 years and nothing has been done about said the woman refugees. "Everything about the place was of lower standard than the rest of Kobe."

Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko's arrival in Kobe coincided with the coldest weather since the earth-

when Republican leaders de-

cided to limit dehate on a bill

to eurb unfunded federal

mandates - one of the items

in the Republican agenda.

The bill was floundering on

the floor after five days of

debate on over 100 amend-

"We are going to get these bills through Congress," House Rules Committee

Chairman Gerald Solomon, a

New York Republican, told

the House. Republican lead-

ers threatened to keep the

**Tempers flare as Democrats chafe** 

at minority role in U.S. Congress

Light snow fell in the early morning and the temperature was minus 1.8 degrees centig-rade (28 degrees Fahrenheit). Most houses still standing and evacuation centres lack gas for heating.

At the Nishinomiya Gymnasium, which houses 1,100 evacuees, Emperor Akihito and Empress Miehiko tried their best to cheer up the mainly elderly evacuees and spoke to exhausted relief workers.

"Please take good care of your health. I appreciate your work," Emperor Akihi-to told city workers. He was dressed in a simple turtleneck sweater, informal jacket and leather shoes. "Not all Kobe people were

critical of the imperial visit. "After about 10 days people were starting to get sick of watching pictures of Kobe at home," said Hideo Wong, 38, a grocer. "But the emperor's visit has drawn attention back here and if that helps the relief effort then it's a good thing."

Haruo Akira, 28, a construction worker, also praised the visit.

"The emperor is still very important in Japan and his visit here today is giving some people the spirit to continue and rebuild their lives," said Akira.

ing on Bosnian territory in The Bank of Japan said Tuesday it had exchanged some 163 million yen (\$1.6 million) worth of bank notes. which had been hurned in the aftermath of the Jan. 17 Kobe quake, for new ones.

more time was needed.

to work on this bill," he said.

'We have a right to offer amendments." said Demo-

crat Kweisi Mfume of Mary-

Republican Dan Burton of

Indiana said "every single"

dilatory tactic that can be

employed is being employed

to slow down the Contract

In committees also, civility

Democrat Lee Hamilton,

With America." he said.

There is no bipartisan effort

SARAJEVO (Agencies), -The United Nations began an Bosnian enclave of Gorazde. U.N. officials said.

Heavy fighting raged in the northwestern enclave of Bihac with hundreds of artillery shells and mortars reported during Monday and overnight into Tuesday morning, the U.N. said.

The U.N. expressed concern at the involvement of Serb troops from the Krajina region of Croatia, backed by tanks, armoured vehicles and artillery, in ground fighting in the Bihac enclave.
The United Nations said

Norwegian armoured amhulances had reached Gorazde and were starting to collect and process evacuees at the U.N. there. About 100 people were expected to be brought to Sarajevo later

A second convoy of Canadian U.N. vehicles was being sent to Gorazde to collect the rest of the evacuees.

"Everything is going as planned," said an official of the IJ.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. The U.N. Protection Force

reported more heavy fighting in the Bihac enclave, with 635 artillery and mortar shells logged in the past 24 hours. U.N. spokesman Paul Risley said Krajina Serh forces. which have previously provided artillery support, were now involved in ground fight-

the Bihac enclave. The Krajina Serbs were fighting alongside renegade Muslim units loyal to husiness rycoon Fikret Abdic in their battle against the Bosnian army 5th Corps.

with two tanks two weeks ago. They captured a bill in the western part of the en-clave, patrolled by Dutch U.N. troops.

Bosman army troops within the enclave responded hy blockading the 97 Dutch peacekeepers. They have re-fused to allow the Dutch to leave and insist they should force the Serbs to withdraw to the positions they held before a nationwide Jan. 1

truce took effect. German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel arrived in Sarajevo from Zagreh, where he told Croatian President Franjo Tudjman that his decision to order U.N. peacekeepers to leave the country was a mistake.

"I told President Tudjman the decision to eject the U.N.

warring parties for a medical evacuation of nearly 200 Muslims and Serbs from the Gorazde enclave (AFP photo) Kinkel told reporters.

received Tuesday a final clearance from all

Mr. Tudjman has told 12,000 U.N. troops in Croatia they must leave after their mandate expires at the end of March. The blue helmets are su-

pervising an uneasy truce in areas seized by Serbs who rehelled against Croatia's 1991 declaration of independence from former Yugosla-

Mr. Tudjman argues that their presence simply freezes the Serbs' territorial gains, but many international observers believe the departure of the U.N. troops will be fol-lowed by mon fighting between Cro: . and Serhs. Serbian President Slobo-

dan Milosevic refused Tuesday to meet with internationpeace mediators for Croatia, Peter Galhraith, the U.S. ambassador to Croatia,

#### Playboy listens to sex talk with Zhirinovsky

WASHINGTON (APP)
Russian ultranationalist Madimir Zhirinovsky, knowed taking extreme political p **n**eat some sex fantasy in an an coming interview, Playlor magazine said. "We'll inde A review of economic news stand one another better you undress right now." An Zhirinovsky told a Canada on the Arabic press journalist whose interne with him was to appear in the free Zones March issue of the magazine.
"It's best when it's wife. Corporation group," he said, encourage group," he said, encounter a group sexual encounter he tween the journalist, Jennife Gould, her translators and two of his male bodyguard two of his male bodyguard "There are four of you have to show me love for four. I love to watch man.

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The Free Zone Corpora-in [FZC1 seeks to turn 50] To observe how people drink, smoke, this is nothing the state of the serve you dring coltus, these young bodies all intertwined," be gushed. "You will like out these little beds, and these little beds, and these little beds, and they will caress you. And to will be listening to you and continue talking myself." Playboy quoted him as saying in the interview. Ms. Gould with Mr. Zhirinovsky serval by harassing her and her translator. "The her more than you. The more contact I have to touch her hand to stroke it, to kiss it. And then you can write that I am inclined to be a womaniser." "Women deceive by and saying what they think." Mr. Zhirinovsky was quoted a saying what they think." Mr. Zhirinovsky was quoted a saying what they think." Mr. Zhirinovsky was quoted a saying what they think." Mr. Zhirinovsky was quoted a saying. "Consequently, you have to deceive them by my telling them what yon wint but what they want to hear. It transferred this concept to politics and achieved great success." To observe how people drink, smoke, this is not in politics and achieved great [21].

#### EU split in row over film quotas

three options for protection

the European audiovisual

dustry. These comprised sub

setting up mandatory quoti for the distribution

European-made films ever

where in Europe and into

**Britain presses** 

TOKYO (AFP) — Britis

Trade and Industry Secretar

Michael Heseltine urge

Japan to correct what he cal-

led "discriminatory" duties

on whisky to resolve a fester

ing trade dispute. Mr. Hesel-

tine raised the issue during

meeting here with Japanes

Finance Minister Masayosi Takemura, ministry official

said Mr. Takemura 10

mained non-committal

saying Tokyo would study the

liquor tax issue by taking

several factors into account

such as fiscal considerations.

they said. He added that the

tax was not the only cans

behind sluggish imports of

Scotch, and noted that con-

sumption of whisky in Japan had generally been declining.

Japan to cut

whisky tax

gol 90 per cent in the areas service and security com-BRUSSELS (AFP) - Senior and to other international officials within the Europea, mines (Al Rai). Union Monday distance themselves from new Euro = in order to organise fodpean Commission President Toismbution to cautiemen, Jacques Santer's recent ques 2 government has decided tioning of a politically oblige cattle importers to sensitive quota system in mide fodder needs for the sensitive quota system for mode todder needs for the European-made films. The sale for a whole month from new European commissioner at date of admitting the in charge of the audiovisual association of the spaniard Mar to local market. The Miniscelino Oreja, said in Brussel of the supply emphasised to Monday he had not decided the importers that unless they whether the state of the said in the said i whether or not to maintain or Beet the condition for fodeven extend the conte meir cattle shipments quota system. Mr. Santer il not be allowed for cusbowever had told the Inter tous clearance (Al Ra'i). national Herald Tribus (IHT) newspaper Friday = Palestinian and Jordathat he doubted the effective

A survey conducted by a

recialised French magazine

gse Royal Jordanian a rat-

nian businessmen have worked out by European klamic Bank with a JD 10 blamic Bank with a JD 10 negotiators at General milion to take part in re-Agreement on Tariffs and wilding the West Bank and Trade (GATT) negotiation Gaza and developing the in 1993. France had Pelestinian economy (Al threatened to veto the work Aswaq). trade deal if it did not get th quota concession, which angered U.S. officials. You

The dispute over salt ances and supplies was tem-torarily resolved as the Al don't help your enterprise with a policy of protection. Array Society promised to Mr. Santer told the IHT Fr continue supplies of nonday. France is the main opportunity of the flood of U.S. odised salt to bakeries and consumers at the same prices made films and videos avail the end of Ramadan able in Europe which film makers and eultural sudy by the Ministry of protectionists claim under apply on the society's demand to raise prices of io-European-made works and dised salt. In another deendanger European attempt to maintain a distinctive. telopment, the ministry has non-American, culture fat alen an offer by "Amra ter, however, Mr. Oreja said the and consumers with iois and consumers with iodied salt according to the penfication and at current market prices. Such a step sidising the industry directly Arrag Society for salt production and is seen as a pressare factor on the society to upply the market with io-lised salt without raising ducing a system of state choosing to apply either mandatory production or distribution quotas. prices (Al Aswaq).

The income tax directorate in Zarqa collected JD 2.6 million last year, 31 per cent hore than the JD 1.95 million the collected in 1993 Although the figure for the and year did not include taxes hom public shareholding companies. which were coseed by a Special unit in Annual, the amount in 1994

the projected figure of JD 2.2 addion (Al Ratil. The Civil Aviation Audonty has prepared a JD 60 and de plan to modernise and develop Iordanian airponts over the coming four taken to be able to cope with apid changes in the air transomindustry in light of the all in the will prethe (Al Ra'i).

Jotdan produces about lear and ranks 64th on a list countries (Al Ra'i).

#### latively quiet since. Mr. Risley said the Serbs He said there was "a clear presence of RSK (Krajina encroached on the enclave Protection Force from Croatia was a mistake," Mr. Boyz II Men kick off 22nd Annual

Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith (left), U.N.

commander for Bosnia-Herzegovina, shakes hands with Bosnian Vice President Ejup Ganic after a meeting Sunday. The United Nations

Serb) troops on the ground,

with tanks, artillery and

APCs (armoured personnel carriers), well within Bos-

Mr. Risley also expressed

concern at an outbreak of fighting between Serb forces

and units of the Muslim-led

Bosnian army in the government-held enclave of

Srebrenica in eastern Bosnia.

Bosnian army and the Serbs

flared up again in Srebrenica

yesterday, with some 36 de-

tonations and 200

machinegun hursts re-ported," Mr. Risley told

Srebrenica was declared a

United Nations "safe area"

in early 1993 when Bosnian

Serbs almost overran the tiny

enclave and it has been re-

Reuters.

"Fighting between the

American Music Awards with win LOS ANGELES (AP) -The soulful vocal group Boyz II Men won three honours at the 22nd Annual American Music Awards on the strength of their sensuous single I'll Make Love To

"It's a song about love. It's something we believe in -romance and falling in love that two lovers do." group member Shawn Stockman said, describing the song

backstage. Boyz II Men was named favourite group in the soulrhythm and blues category and I'll Make Love To You collected trophies for favourite pop-rock and soul Boyz II Men won favourite

new artist in 1992 and earned two more awards in 1993. Snoop Doggy Dogg won his first American Music Award, for favourite rap-hip hop artist.

"First of all. I'd like to thank God," said the rapper. who is facing a murder charge stemming from the 1993 shooting of a man at a Los Angeles park.

Vince Gill won the favourite country single one trophy, for favourite award for Whenever You Come Around. Reba McEntire's Read My Mind won the country album honour. It was her 11th career American Music Award.

Alahama was named favourite country group for the 13th straight year, bringing its career total to 18. Awards were being given in 22 categories across a



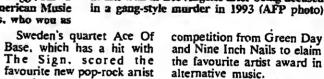
Awards in Los Angeles. Brodus, who wou as music in a show that featured an eclectic array of talent. The show featured rock

veteran Little Richard singing his oldie hit Tutti Frutti with the Go-Gos. Mariah Carey was one of two leading nominees going

pop-rock female arrist. Despite competition from Carey's Music Box, and Counting Crows' August And Everything After, the soundtrack from The Lion King collected the pop-rock

into the night, but won just

album award. Tim McGraw was named best new country artist, topping a field that included Faith Hill and The Maver-



Toni Braxton collected the soul-R and B album award for her self-titled work. The favourite female soul-R and B artist was Anita Baker. The youthful vocalists All-

+One were named favourite soul-rhythm and blues artists. Nirvana, which lost leader singer Kurt Cohain in a suicide last year, was named favourite artist in the heavy metal-hard rock category. besting Pearl Jam and Stone Temple Pilots. The remaining members of Nirvana did

not arrend the show.

competition from Green Day and Nine Inch Nails to elaim the favourite artist award in alternative music.
The Award of Merit went

to the artist formerly known as Prince, recognising "outstanding contributions to the musical entertainment of the American public." Led Zep-pelin received the International Artist Award, which has only been given twice previously, to Michael Jackson and Rod Stewart.

Nominees were selected based on sales information supplied by the Music Industry Trade Publication Radio and Records and Soundscan Inc. Winners were chosen by a national sampling of 20,000



Singer Anita Baker displays the award she won at the 22nd Annual American Music Awards in Los Angeles, Baker won as favourite female artist in the soul-rhythm and blues category



the 22nd Annual American Music Awards in Los Angeles. Braxton won for her album Toni Braxton in the soul-rhythm and hines category (AFP photo)

#### sage of the Republican agenchairman of the international House in session as long as da within the first 100 days. relations panel until the Nov. possible to move forward on as House Speaker Newt g election, said he could not the bill. remember such heavy hand-Gingrich has said he intends Democrat Bruce Vento of

Late in the day the House Minnesota objected that N. Zealand premier invited to White House WELLINGTON (R) - President Bill Clinton Tuesday opened the White House door to New Zealand. 11 years after Washington slam-

med it shut in a row over the

Pacific nation's anti-nuclear

policies.
U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott passed on the invitation to Prime Minister Jim Bolger to visit Mr. Clinton in Washington on March 27.

The move marked a symbolic end to the long, deep chill between the two countries, and a desire to move ahead despite continuing disagreement on the nuclear

"I think we must see this as going forward." Mr. Bolger told reporters after talks with Mr. Talhon.
"I don't think there's any

desire on anybody's behalf that we should somehow or other my to blot out from the

history of the relationship the last 10 years. Mr. Bolger and Mr. Tal-

bott both stressed the two sides had more to talk about than the vexed nuclear question, which led to New Zealand's exclusion from the ANZUS alliance with the United States and Australia. "That will be on the agen-

da, surely, because it is an issue of bilateral importance. but it will be one of many issues." Mr. Talbott said. "That's entirely up to the

president, what issues he wants to raise with me, said Mr. Bolger. "New Zealand's (anti-nuclear) position is above board. Everyhody knows what it is. I'm happy to discuss that with the presi-

Relations between the two countries soured in the mid-1980s, when Prime Minister David Lange's labour government banned nuclearpowered and nuclear-armed vessels from New Zealand's territorial waters.

Washington suspended high-level diplomatic contacts in 1987, a move reversed by the Clinton administration only last year. Ex-clusion from ANZUS means New Zealand is still harred from joint exercises and intelligence-sharing.
Anti-nuclear sentiment in

New Zealand was strengthened by a sense of outrage when French secret agents in 1985 blew up the Greenpeace ship Rainbow Warrior, due to sail from Auckland Harbour to protest French nuclear tests in the Pacific.

Mr. Bolger's conservative government has upheld the anti-nuclear legislation since taking power in 1990, and overwhelming public support for the policy makes its removal unthinkable.

## Simpson lawyer gives alibi for 1st time

LOS ANGELES (R) -- O.J. Simpson could not have killed his ex-wife and her friend because he was at his estate practising his golf swing at the time of the murders. So went the defence's main

argument Monday as the socalled "trial of the century" edged closer than it has ever been in the last two weeks to actually hearing a witness rather than lawyers fighting with each other or with the Lead defence lawyer John-

nie Cochran offered the jury a minute-by-minute explanation of his client's actions during the one hour and 15 minutes the prosecution says, the killings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman took place. While the murders were

taking place — a time the prosecution has fixed at 10:15 p.m. local time when neighbours heard Nicole Simpson's dog wail - Simpson was puttering around his Brentwood estate two miles away, Mr. Cochran said.

He finished cating a Big Mac in his house just before 9:45 p.m. and walked out of the main house to use the cellular phone in his Bronco to call his current girlfriend, playboy model Paula Bar-

Simpson then practiced his

golf swing hitting balls into a

sandy playground used by his children with a number three and a number four club, Cochran said. By 11 p.m., according to both sides, he is in a limousine being driven to the

airpon for a pre-planned trip to Chicago. The argument took some seasoned courthouse hands by surprise since Cochran last Thursday, when he began his epic opening statement broken up by fierce prosecution objections, told the jury that Simpson was so crippled the day of the murders by an arthritis attack that he could

his country club. The arrhrins went unmentioned Monday by the defence but the prosecution won Judge Lance Ito's approval to reopen its opening statement so it could

not shuffle a deck of cards at

show jurors an exercise video Simpson also made that day. All the judge declined to allow in the tape was a scene in which Simpson urged people not to stand too close to

each other doing arm exer-cises so as not to hit someone - like a wife. Judge Ito ruled the scene to be in bad taste considering what happened la-The prosecution also won the right to present a 10-

minute reopening of its opening statement to the jury so in addition to showing the video, they could trash a potential defence witness and otherwise dampen any enthusiasm the jury of 22 sequestered souls might be feeling for Simpson. The witness the prosecu-

tion says it wants to discredit is a jeweller named Mary Anne Gerchas who says she saw four men - none of them black like Simpson run from the vicinity of Nicole Simpson's home the night of the murders. Two wore wool watch caps just like one found at the scene of



Inhabitants of the small villages Arcen and Velder pass sandbags to enforce the dikes along the River Mass. It is feared that the floodings of the rivers Rhine, Wasl and Lek may result

in a hurst of dikes and the evacuation of some 140,000 people

## Dutch flee floods in biggest exodus for 40 years

AMSTERDAM (R) - Surging floodwaters forced the Netherlands to organise its biggest civilian evacuation in more than 40 years Tuesday as Northern Europe reeled under the impact of incessant

Cars, buses, army trucks, earavans, tractors, trailers and bicycles crowded on to soaking roads, forming refugee columns reminiscent of -World War II.

"It's a gigantic exodus, said Rob Weeda, spokesman at the Arnhem Crisis Centre coordinating the country's largest civiliao evacuation since 1953.

Freak weather conditions have allowed torrential storms to sweep across the continent this month, causing widespread chaos and mil-Jions of dollars worth of dam-

At least 27 people have died in what some countries have called their worst floods

this century. European Television news bulleuns regularly carry footage of rivers in spate and entire communities under water in the Netherlands, Belgium, France and Germany, highlighting the plight of over 100,000 people forced out of their homes. Although water levels were munities to move out - in-

DUNNOTTAR, South Afri-

ca (Agencies) - The South

new service corps Tuesday to

teach demobilised troops

work skills to prepare them

Modise estimated up to

30,000 service personnel

could go through the three-

and six-month courses as the

defence force cut back its

strength following integration

Defence Minister Joe

for civilian life.

African military launched a (SANDF) was expected to

subsiding in France and Germany, forecasters predicted they would not peak in the Netherlands until Wednes-

More accustomed to danger from the sea, the Netherlands this time is threatened from its internal waterways. As experts there began to

fear the country's vital system of dike flood defences might crumble under the onslaught, tens of thousands of people left their bomes in the east of the country.

Part of the main northsouth road was closed to normal traffic during the Tuesday morning commuter rush hour to make way for evacuees on the move.

Special buses and trains were laid on to collect those with no transport of their own. Authorities said they were empowered to forcibly remove residents wbo ignored the evacuation order. "It's a ghost town here,"

said a Reuter photographer in the village of Beneden-Lecuwen west of Arnhem. "Empty houses, empty stores, just a handful of people waiting at bus stops." Authorities were due to decide later Tuesday whether

to order other, larger com-

involve an additional 30,000

to 34,000 men and women.

ary constraints called for the

ranonalisation of the overall

structure and SANDF would

be cut back to a planned

91,000 over the next three

The minister said the ser-

vice corps would train de-

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Military needs and budget-

cluding one area inhabited by 140,000 people — if the dikes look as though they are going to break.

The government is desperare to avoid a repeat of the great floods of February 1953 when more than 1.800 people died after sea-walls collapsed along the southern province of Zeeland.

No cost estimates exist for the latest floods, but the scale of the evacuation suggests it will be far in excess of the 250 million guilders (\$147 million) worth of damage caused by the last big Dutch floods in December 1993. Meteorologists say the abs-

ence this year of the usual cold, heavy air pockets over the area — due to complex pressure variations in the upper atmosphere — is allowing warm, wet air from the Atlantic to sweep unhindered over the continent.

Heavy rains towards the end of 1994 had already left ground water levels high and melting snow has compounded the problem in some

Conditions in Germany were improving slightly Tues-

The Rhine, which reached a record 10.69 metres (35 ft) in Cologne Monday, receded 800 metres.

tion into the South African contribute to the overall de- to oversee reforms in the

Mr. Modise said the govern-

ment planned to involve pri-

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commissioner said strikes and

protests by uniformed police

that inconvenienced the pub-

lic or broke laws were un-

Meanwhile the new police

taged people.

Initially a military corps,

to 10.65 metres (34 ft 11 in) and was continuing to fall

slowly every hour. The floods, which began in Germany last week, had submerged large parts of Cologne's old town after spilling over barriers.

But while the Seine in France was down slightly Tuesday morning, the Meuse in northeastern France gained about 15 cms (six inchest overnight.

In the town of Charleville-Mezieres on the Meuse, the hospital had to be evacu-

In nearby Givet, the inmates of an old peoples' home were transferred to a military barracks. "The soldiers are very kind but it's not like being at home." one of them told Europe 1 Radio. The tising Meuse River cur

off a rescue operations headquarters for the floodstricken French Ardennes Mezieres in two.

accessible only by boat as water a metre deep gurgled over its gardens.

Flood waters also cut the avenue linking Charleville with Meziere for a distance of

police, told a news confer-

ence his management team

would study what he called

the "serious discipline prob-

Later Monday, about a

dozen policemen held a sta-

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mander would be replaced.

Police Lt. Ben Theron said

the protesters accused Capt.

lem" in the force.

Ecuador, Peru agree to a truce

and Ecuador have agreed to a ceasefire starting at 8:00 local time (1300 GMT) Tuesday ending an armed conflict between both Andean nations that has killed at least 31 people, the Ecuadorean Foreign Ministry said.

Ecuador accepts to agree with Peru... that the cease fire and the end of all military activity that can be interpreted as threatening will go into effect at &:00 local time Tuesday," the ministry said in a press release.

Observers of the signatories of the Rio De Janeiro Protocol, which established in 1942 the boundaries between both countries, will monitor the ceasefire.

The ministry also said Ecuador will Tuesday send a representative to a meeting in Brasilia with Peru and protocol signatories Chile. Argentina, Brazil and the United States to start negotiations to end the border

Since clashes that threatened to lead both nations to an all out war erupted Thursday, Ecuador said 31 soldiers have died, 27 of them Peruvians. Peru has officially confirmed five dead and two wounded.

The clashes are centred in a 130 square-mile (340-sqkm) area along the Cordillera Del Condor whose borders have yet to be marked as called for in the Rio Protocol.

Tensions between both countries have cropped up each year before the Jan. 29 anniversary of 1942 treaty in which, after a 1941 border war, Ecuador renounced its claim to a vast jungle region which would give it access to the Amazon River.

Ecuador's Congress re-

Ecuadorean troops prepare to load weapons kilometres from the border with Peru (AFI and munitions onto a cargo plane at the photo) military airport of Macas, Ecuador, some 140

jected the treaty in 1960 and the area, said by Ecuadorean sources to be rich in gold, has been under dispute ever

Fighting flared again in 1981 after Peru alleged Ecuador had occupied three military posts inside its territory. It called a ceasefire two days later after recapturing the posts.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Christine Shelley said earlier it was possible the United States would dispatch an envoy to attend the Rio Protocol meeting.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher had phoned the presidents of Ecuador and Peru over the weekend "to reaffirm the Rio Protocol should be used as a soludon" in settling the con-

There was no immediate word from Lima on the ceasefire agreement.

Earlier the Peruvian Foreign Ministry said its Vice Foreign Minister Eduardo Ponce would travel to Brazil Tuesday to meet representatives of the guarantors of a 1942 treaty to look for a diplomatic solution to the

"The Peruvian government will take the measures aimed at suspending as soon as possible the military opera-tion in the area of conflict," the ministry said in a state-

Thousands of Peruvian troops have been mobilised since the border conflict erupted last Thursday. Peru's military is far superior to Ecuador's in both numbers and firepower.

The State Department warned Americans Monday to stay away from the border between Peru and Ecuador.

A statement advised U.S. citizens to "postpone indefinitely" any travel to the southern Ecuadorean provinces of Zamora Chinchipe, Loja and El Oro and to northern Peru's border area.

Americans already in the region should stay informed of latest events, the statement said.

In Vatican City, Pope John Paul has expressed serious concern about fighting between Ecuador and Peru and called on them to negotiate an end to their border dispute, the Vatican said Tues-

Chief spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls siad Vaucan Secretary of State Cardinal Angelo Sodano had contacted both governments on

the Pope's behalf. "In the message, the holy father expressed deep concern over present grave tensions between Ecuador and Peru," Card, Navarro-Valls said in a statement.

He said the Pope had called upon both sides "immediately to halt hostilities. moderate their actions and language and pursue dialogue as the only way to resolve their differences in a reasonable and peaceful way."

The message was sent last Saturday, Card, Navarro-Valls said.

#### Tuesday and split the northeastern city Charleville-The local prefecture where defence the headquarters is based was

French Premier Edouard Balladur said Tuesday that Europe's priority must be to develop common foreign and defence policies.

Addressing the staff corps of the five-nation military unit Eurocorps, Mr. Balladur tant thing in the coming decades is to establish a European foreign policy, and thus

He said Eurocorps, whose 50,000 troops will be operational on Oct. 1 next, was not just an instrument of "military cooperation." but the "translation into reality of the political will to work for the emergence of a Euro-

This would enable the European Union to exert its

Founded by France and Germany, Eurocorps has been joined by Belgium, Spain and Luxembourg. At present only its multinational staff corps, based here, and the Franco-German brigade, ational. The staff corps is commanded by German General Helmut Willmann. Mr. Balladur also said he

could be established on the Eurocorps model. "They will have to learn to work together, to be capable of consututing a coherent whole in the service of the

prime minister said. When operational, Eurocorps will be capable of military operations or peacekeeping and humanitarian relief

are topping the polls in France's presidential elections with between 50 and 61 per cent of voters saving they are undecided which way they will cast their ballots.

was exceptional at a time when voting, due next April-May, is only three months awav. But they attributed the indecision to the fact that some

unity.

#### Clinton approval rating jumps 9 points the next six to nine months.

WASHINGTON (AFP) -U.S. President Bill Clinton's approval rating has jumped nine points in three weeks to 54 per cent, according to an opinion survey conducted after his State of the Union address a week ago.

Mr. Clinton's job ranng. however, was three percentage points lower than in a similar ABC New-Washington Post poll taken in March 1994.

Fifty-two per cent of the 1,026 people surveyed by telephone from Thursday to Sunday said they approved Mr. Clinton's handling of the economy, compared to 42 per cent three weeks earlier and 53 per cent ten months ago. And 70 per cent believed

the president was trying to work with the new Republican-led Congress, the approval rating for which jumped from 21 per cent just before the Nov. 8 legislative elections to 42 per cent. Regarding Mr. Clinton's

battle to have a \$40 billion loan guarantee programme for Mexico approved by Congress, 69 per cent of those surveyed were against the

The opinion survey, published Monday, had a margin of error of 3.5 percentage points.

Meanwhile Democratic Sen. Bill Bradley suggested Monday that President Clinton might face a primary ehallenge if his political

He hastened to add that he didn't anticipate running against Mr. Clinton himself. Interviewed on the "Don Imus" radio programme, Sen. Bradley voiced publicly

been\_saying privately si...e the Democratic debacle in the midterm elections. Mr. Bradley began the interview by crincising Mr. Clinton's State of the Union

what many Democrats have

speech. He said he got "tired of standing up and clapping," because the speech, which ran 81 minutes, was too long. "He missed a golden opportunity," Sen. Bradley said.
Asked if he expected Mr.

Clinton to face a Democratic primary challenge, Sen. Bradley said: 'I' think that people are going to look at the president in the next six to nine months and they are going to make an assessment as to whether

they think he can do the job," Sen. Bradley said. lmus then asked Sen. Bradley if he had turned on Mr. Clinton, and the senator said: "I'm just trying to call it like it is tell the touth. I'm going to call it like 1 see it.
The speech was too long. ...I think anybody could step up to the plate (and challenge Mr. Clinton) if the circumstances are right. One doesn't know what is going to hap-

1996 and he recently said he planned on running for a fourth term.

A spokeswoman for the senator said his remarks "peak for themselves" and Liat Lie senator had no furth-. comment. Former U.S. Housing

Secretary Jack Kemp announced Monday he will not run for the presidency in 1996, further thinning the Republican field assembling to challenge President Clin-

In an announcement released by his office, Mr. Kemp, 59, said his core political beliefs — a mixture of CORSETVA passion for the needy were on the margins of the political debate... but now they are at the centre."

"They are reflected in the Republican leadership in Congress and — to a greater or lesser degree — by mosi Republican candidates for president," he said. "So. I've decided not to seek the Republican nomination for pres-

A one-time quarterback for the San Diego Chargers and Buffalo Bills, Mr. Kemp was once seen as a potential frontrunner for the Republi-

can nomination in 1996. A New York congressman from 1971-89 and housing secretary under President George Bush, he became one of the shining lights on the right-wing of the party.

## Europe tops Major's domestic agenda

pen. I don't have any anti-

knows he must mend deep splits over Europe in his ruling Conservative Party if he is to win the next election but some observers think he is facing an impossible task. Many politicians ask how

he can unite those Conservatives who want the European Union (EU) to be little more than a free trade area with others who say that only by deepening the EU can Britain exercise influence abroad and build prosperity at home.

such a task is impossible, and is preparing to come down on the side of the so-called "Eurosceptics." But indications that Mr.

Major will fight against any further development of the EU have now sparked a fightback from pro-Europe politicians who once assumed Mr. Major was on their side.

Former Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe made an outspoken attack on Mr. Major Monday, writing in a newspaper article that British foreign policy was being dragged into "a ghetto of sentimentality and selfdelusion" in a bid for party

les' heel of Mr. Major's government from the day he became prime minister in

He only obtained approval for the controversial Maastricht Treaty on closer European Union in 1993 by calling a parliamentary vote of confidence on the issue.

When he tried the same trick late last year to force through increases to Britain's contribution to the EU budget, eight of his members of parliament refused to back him. Mr. Major expelled them from the parliamentary party, prompting a ninth to

Now Mr. Major is facing up to the challenge of next year's intergovernmental conference on the EU's future, referred to in some British newspapers as Maastricht Mark 2.

In a January television interview, he promised to veto "anything that involves significant constitutional change' proposed at the conference. Observers say that was an

carly sign that Mr. Major was bowing to the pressure of the rebels, without whom he has no parliamentary majority. They have shown few signs of . regret after plunging their party into the most open split since World War II.

"Party peace is conditional on a more vigorously Eurosceptic' policy from the government... we do want a significant loosening of our relationship." Nicholas Budgen, one of their leaders, wrote recently in the Guar-

"The anti-Europeans are winning. They have John Ma-jor's heart," wrote Andrew Marr, a columnist for the

last week to discuss Britain's stance at the IGC, Mr. Major's colleagues agreed its negotiating stance should be based on a speech he made in the Dutch town of Leiden lass September and on his January television interview.

marked contrast to Mr. Major's earlier pledge to take Britain "to the heart of Europe. In it he called for greater

flexibility in the EU, with member states free to opt out of cooperation in key policy areas, an idea sometimes dubbed "a variable speed Europe.

Mr. Major may be calculating that if he can mend his fences with the anti-European faction while avoiding open revolt from the other wing, he may reach the shelter from the srorm over Europe provided by an imminent election. One is due by May 1997.

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National Defence Force velopment of the country.

Zhirinovsky causes furore at Council of Europe STRASSBOURG (AFP) -Russian ultra-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky caused a furore at a Couocil of Europe meeting here when he said his country's top human rights official should be in a concentration camp, couocil sources said.

Mr. Zhirinovsky, a member of the Russian delegation at the parliamentary assembly of the pan-European organisation, had accused Şergei Kovalyov of lying when he coodemned excesses of the Russian Armed Forces in Chechenya.

Dutch Socialist Elisabeth

Baaveld-Schlaman ordered Mr. Zhirinovsky's microphone to be cut off as he was speaking out of order. but at the end of Mr. Kovalyby's evidence the ultrarightist returned to the He screamed that Mr.

that "his place is in a concentration camp and not at the Council of Europe." . As confusion reigned Ms. Baaveld-Schlaman ordered security staff to remove Mr. Zhirinovsky but they failed to do so. Meanwhile members

Kovalyov was "a scum" and

of other delegations burled abuse at the Russian. Ms. Baaveld-Schlaman then ended the closed-door session, thanking Mr. Kovalyev and apologising for

the disruption. Earlier Monday Mr. Kovalyov had denounced the West's "spinelessness" on the Chechen conflict, saying that "massive and gross violations of human rights" had been committed by Russian forces in the breakaway Caucasus

Mr. Kovalvov, who was invited to Strassbourg by the Council of Europe, told a



Russian ultranationalist leader Vladimir Zhirinovsky attending an emergency debate on Chechenya at the Council of Europe's parliamentary assembly in Strassbourg, eastern France (AFP photo)

had been cases of crucifixion and castration of Chechen prisoners of war, that schoolgirls had been raped and draft-age youths had been summarily executed by the Russians.

Mr. Kovalyov, whose outspoken stand against the Russian military intervention has angered President Boris Yeltsin, added that it would be "immoral and blaspbemous" for the Council of Europe to consider admitting Russia so

long as the war raged on. He said that the Chechens had made "moderate and reasonable" proposals for a ceasefire in the conflict, which erupted on Dec. 11 when Moscow sent in troops.

The Council of Europe's

parliamentary assembly will

hold an emergency debate on

the Chechenya crisis, Thurs-

press conference that there day, but the leaders of Russia's two houses of parliament will not attend. the assembly's president said Monday.

> Vladimir Shumeiko, president of Russia's Federation Council, and Ivan Rybkin, head of the State Duma, had been invited to attend the debate along with parliamentarians from the Council's 33 member states, said Miguel Angel Martinez. He said the contribution of the two Russians "would have been very positive."

Moscow Echo Radio, monitored in London by the BBC, quoted Gennady Zyugdanov, a Communist member of the invited Russian parliamentary delegation. as saying of Mr. Zbirinovsky: They must start getting used to him. After all, we tolerate

In a report of a separate incident. Lithuanian radio, also monitored by the BBC. quoted the head of the Estonian delegation to the assembly, Tunne Kelam, as saving Mr. Zhirinovsky sent a note to Lithuanian delegate and parliamentary opposition leader Vytautas Landsbergis. who was sitting next to Mr. Mr. Kelam said the note read, "Vytautas, when is

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sia again? You have had a pleasant stroll and this is enough, 1 am always near you. Zhirinovsky." The Council of Europe is the widest organisation bringing together all European democracies. It often voices

opinions on important cur-

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Lithuania going to join Rus-

In Moscow, Mr. Rybkin Tuesday attacked the behaviour of Mr. Zhirinovsky as "totally inadmissible." Mr. Rybkin was quoted by the news agency Interfax as telling journalists that Mr. Zhirinovsky had exceeded the limits of political be-

Mr. Rybkin said he regretted that Mr. Zhirinovsky mirrored "a part of our mentality in as much as a significant segment of Russian voters cast their votes for him." Mr. Zhirinovsky is leader of the Liberal Democratic Party which, with 60 seats in

third biggest party in the Russian assembly. But it is more influential than its size suggests, because its members follow their leader's voting instructions to the letter and the party has a more cobesive voting strength than many of its rivals in parliament. .

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## Balladur calls for European

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STRASBOURG (AFP) -

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full weight on the international scene," Mr. Balladur said, adding that France was actively involved in the building of a European defence system.

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of the main candidates are not yet known, particularly that of the Socialist Party, to the lack of real political debate and to the presence of two Gaullist contenders. Prime Minister Edouard Balladur and Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac.

LONDON (R) - British Prime Minister John Major

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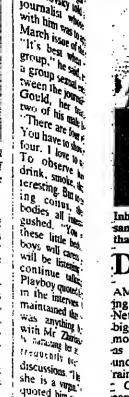
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## Saving Algeria

THE MONDAY carbomb in Algiers, which took the lives of 38 people and wounded more than 250, is yet another grim reminder that the civil strife in that country has no end in sight. The bomb, which exploded right in the heart of the capital and in day time to maximise the damage and fallout, is a bloody message from the opponents of peace on both sides of the conflict, which has so far claimed the lives of more than 15,000 people. The damage the bloody conflict has inflicted on the country's national economy is making the situation worse by the day. Acts of terrorism, like Monday's bomb blast, cannot possibly redress the wrong, admittedly made by the military in 1992 when they decided to abort the national elections that the Islamist National Salvation Front, (FIS), was poised to win. The decision by the government to reject out of hand the olive branch extended to it by the major opposition factions is indefensible. France, the country most privy to the ins and outs of Algerian politics has recently, though belatedly, prodded the Algerian regime to accept political dialogue as the only viable option left for the bleeding country. It is also no . nall matter that there is a wide convergence of views between Washington and Paris on the inevitability of political reconciliation in that country. Otherwise the entire country could still be drowned in deeper in the quagmire of conflict. It is not too late to reverse the tide of militancy, terrorism and intransigence. The holy month of Ramadan could be just the appropriate occasion to declare a truce in the ongoing fratricidal fighting. The Arab and Muslim Worlds cannot possbly sit idle while their kin fall into the abyss with all the consequences that that might entail for the Arabs and Muslims.

#### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

WITH THE withdrawal of Israeli forces from most of the occupied Jordanian lands, the Kingdom has regained lost territory and thus has cause to take pride in this respect. said Taher Al Adwan, a columnist in Al Dustour daily Tuesday. But we have to remember that the Israelis are still holding other parts of Jordanian lands and water and exploiting them for Israel's benefits, said the writer. He said that it is unacceptable to see Israelis still exploiting Jordanian lands and waters, and we are determined that they withdraw stoner or later ance sovereignty will remain incomplete with the Israeli presence on Arab lands. Peace treaties could end the state of war and allow embassies to be opened but the real peace can only come when the Arabs have regained all their rights in land and water, said the writer. If Israel continues its present policy of dealing separately with individual Arab countries with the hope of imposing its terms on them rather than reaching a lasting peace based on justice, it can never achieve its goals, said the writer. Sooner or later, he said, the Israeli forces have to withdraw from all Arab lands not only in Jordan but also in Palestine, Syria and Lebanon and only then can the Arabs feel they have truly reached the point of peace.

MOHAMAD MASALHA, a writer in Sawt Al Shaab, lauded the Jordanian and Palestinian leaderships for concluding agreements between them aimed at restoring normal relations. It would be unreasonable to see the two parties reaching bilateral agreements with Israel and not concluding deals between themselves because the Jordanians and the Palestinians are bound together historically and indeed they form a united family, said the writer. Everyone agrees that the agreements were occessary because everyone on both sides feels that cooperation in the various fields is bound to bolster the Jordanian and Palestinian people's stand with regard to Israel and the outside world, he continued. Therefore, the Arab masses on both sides of the River Jordan are now looking forward to see the deals implemented and coordination and cooperation translated into practical moves, he said.



## Who is running Russia?

By Timothy Heritage Reuter

MOSCOW - The resurgence of shadowy hardliners in the Kremlin threatens Russia's democratic reforms, but the liberals in President Boris Yeltsin's inner circle have not yet lost the power struggle.

Mr. Yeltsin, who is 64 on Wednesday, is widely thought to have turned almost exclusively to hawkish advisers during the conflict in breakaway Chechenya, allowing them to boost their influence at the expense of liberal aides. Some liberal leaders sug-

gest Mr. Yeltsin has ceded control to the hawks and that Russia's brief flirtation with democracy is over. Other say all is not lost for reform - Mr. Yeltsin is

still in charge and has only temporarily shut out the

Both agree the presi-deut's ability to reassert himself and the struggle to influeoce him are central to the fate of reforms.

'These questions are causing real concern. People are worried about there being a dictatorship in the future," Sergei Filatov, the liberal head of the presidential administration, told independent NTV television io an interview oo Sonday.

But he added: "The guarantee (of stability) to-day is the president. He is absolutely in charge of the

Russia's power crisis has heightened since Mr. Yeltsin sent troops to Chechenya on Dec. 11 to rein in the rebel regioo.

He took a low profile in the early phase of the conflict, prompting speculation that his authority was wan-ing but has forced himself back into the public eye in the last two weeks with several well-orchestrated

Mr. Yeltsin's clear aim is to send signals to domestic and foreign audiences that he is still firmly in charge in the Kremlin and, as during a visit to the town of Lipetsk south of Moscow last week, to give an im-pression of "business as

This has done little to ease the fears of liberals. For Grigory Yavlinsky, a prominent economist and potential rival in presidential elections next year, a creeping coup is under way in which power is seeping out of Mr. Yeltsio's hands.

"You don't need to declare an open coup. You just need to surround the president with people and persistently implement your ideas," Mr. Yavlinsky told a husioess lunch last week. "Power is leaking to

irresponsible, unknowe people exercising powers the president should execute. It is hard to say with any

certainty just who is winoing power - the Kremlin remains almost as secretive and unfathomable as during soviet times.

Bot liberal politicians and commentators finger a 'party of war" led from within the Kremlin by

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to a feeling of "common humanity" that this despair-

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have lived side by side for generations as friends and

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Mr. Yeltsin with analysis of

"When a complex problem is being worked on and - like in Checheoya only one narrow component is being taken into account and military approaches prevail, this is very had, said Mark very had," said Mark Urnov, head of the Presidential Analytical Centre, Although Mr. Yeltsin has badly smeared his democra-

tie eredentials over Chechenya, some commentators say it is too soon to write him off as a reformer.

They say the fact that secret documents, such as those proposing the forma-tion of a national guard, are being leaked to the liberal press there are still forces in the Kremlin interested in resisting the hardliners.

These commentators say the dismissal last week of Nikolai Yegorov, who was to bead an interim administratioo in Chechenya and was a belligerant supporter of the military campaign, suggests Mr. Yeltsio's patience with hardliners is running oot.
"The real extent of the

hardiners' threat is hard to judge. The question is whether Yeltsin is taking decisions consciously, and I think he is." a European diplomat said.

The most likely scenario is that be is in charge but taking advice from hardliners. But he has always maoaged to keep an equilibrium in the past and prevented any one camp becoming dominant. I think he will do the same again."

General-Major Alexander Korzhakov, Mr. Yeltsin's security chief, friend and tennis partner.

Other conservatives thought to have had a major influence in policy over Chechenya include Deputy Prime Minister Oleg Sos-kovets and Mr. Yeltsin's main adviser; Viktor Ilyushin.

Speculation mounted over Korzhakov's role when he denounced World Bank proposals to reform Russia's oil export system in a letter last month to Prime Minister Viktor

Chernomyrdin. The letter suggested his infigence went beyond the Kremlin walls. It prompted Mr. Izvestia to ask "who is running the country — Mr. Yeltsin, Mr. Chernomyrdin

or general Korzhakov?" The plot thickened last week when Mr. Izvestia said Mr. Korzhakov and other hardliners were trying to consolidate their power by proposing the creation of an elite national guard to operate independently of the army and be loyal only

to the president. Maoy Russians are already worried that the security services, once a major arm of Soviet power. are becoming prominent again. They would regard such a private army with

trepidation. Men such as Mr. Korzhakov and Mr. Soskovets are widely thought to have gained the president's ear at the expense of the Pres idential Analytical Ceotre which normally provides

## Redeeming the traffic culture

By John Dales

SINCE it always seems to require a lead from the very top for serious action to be taken about such problems, I am sure that we are all very grateful that His Majesty King Hussein has spoken out concerning the traffic situation in Jordan. But even though the lead has now been given, we are right to ask whether the necessary change will ever take place. As letters and articles in the Jordan Times testify, many fear that the Kingdom's driving culture is almost beyond redemption. Few, however, seem to recognise that there is another, equally large, hurdle to be overcome. It is all too easy to think that the only real problem is

actually on the roads; that there are too many vehicles and that they are often being badly driven. In assuming this, the main question we tend to raise concerns whether or not road users will respond to new initiatives in the hoped-for manner. Thus, when we read of the formation of a ministerial committee and of a possible national coordinating body, we do not tend to question the ability of Jordan's traffic authorities to recommend appropriate solutions; nor do we ask ourselves whether those who will be responsible for implementing such solutions are equal to the task.
A recent Jordan Times editorial did raise such questions.

Is there an answer? Well, Dr. Ahmad Majdoubeh, in his "View from Academia" (Jordan Times Jan. 19-20), quite rightly identified education, in traffic, as the key to any hope of sustained, long-term improvements to Jordan's traffic and road safety situation. However, he does seem to assume that it is only the great mass of anonymous road users who are in oeed of such education. The fact is that those who design and implement solutions are themselves often insufficiently trained in traffic engineering matters

properly to handle the job with which they are charged.

Bad driving, and indeed bad pedestrian practice, is not limited to an easily-defined "them" (the mass of the public) who need help from a more-or-less road-perfect "us" (administrators, engineers, police). Simple observation demonstrates that this is so, and it is accurate to state that even traffic police officers fail to abide by the rules they ought to be enforcing. Thus should dawn the realisation that we cannot glibly assume that those whom we ask to hring about the necessary changes (however wellintentioned, and whatever their status) have a firm grasp on what one might call "best practice."

Almost all who use the roads, simply because they do so, are prone to regarding themselves as "experts." But the truth is that effective traffic engineering practice is not nearly as instactive or obvious as we'd like to think. Traffic engineering is an applied science, and often a behavioural one. The problems can be highly complex and the solutions frequently require to be equally sophisticated. For this reason, modern traffic problems (particularly in urban areas) really are not susceptible to treatment by those not trained and experienced in designing and implementing the necessary solutions.

Put plainly, the task calls for properly qualified professionals: and, yes, there are precious few traffic experts in Jordan. This is not surprising, since the concept of a traffic professional per se is a new one in the world at large. It began to be recognised as the scale of traffic problems in certain countries in the 1960s exceeded the ability of conventional techniques to cope with them. In Britain, for example, it is only in the last two decades that those really competent to do so have begun to undertake traffic engineering duties. Previously, the case was much as it is in Jordan today. I ought to stress that this is not a criticism.

Thus we are in danger of entrusting a very difficult task to those who, through no fault of their own, do not fully understand the nature of traffic problems and therefore the potential solutions. Of course, this assessment is not based simply on the observation that anyone can drive badly, it is supported by a wealth of evidence that is more clear to the trained than the untrained eye. If I might quote from Dr. Majdoubeh's latest article, he says that: "undeniably, some progress has been achieved in some areas. We have more highways, bridges and tunnels now than we had (in 1977). We have more road signs, more traffic lights, more police cars, more parking lots, more sidewalks, less circles, etc. This is all good and we highly appreciate it."

It is good? Should we appreciate it? Dr. Majdoubeh admits he is not an expert on traffic. This is why be is able to give credit where it is not due to those he would call the experts. For the simple fact of having more of this and less of that is not the answer. As Jordan's experience shows, of that is not the answer. As Jordan's experience shows, traffic problems do not automatically improve in relation to the number of expensive highway engineering schemes completed: indeed the reverse can be the case (try asking a Briton about "the M25 effect"). New tunnels frequently, again at great expense, simply shift the problem down to the next junction. More traffic lights are limited use if, as is often the case in Amman, their control systems are improperly set or if they are over-ridden by over-eager policemen. On the other hand, I could easily name 10 iunctions which I use regularly that are in desperate need of junctions which I use regularly that are in desperate need of being turned into circles!

Many schemes in Jordan have helped matters; but others have not and still others should have been introduced. Thus Dr. Majdoubeh was obliged to follow the above quotation

with this statement: "However, the oumber of accidents is still as high today as it was then, and perhaps even higher."

The worst thing that could happen now would be for there to be a burst of enthusiasm followed by general disillusionment as simply-conceived "remedies" fail to produce real change. Already we see that the traffic police have adopted a higher profile and we read that stringent new traffic laws are being pushed through. Such measures should of course be parts of any olan to remeasure the should, of course, be parts of any plan to improve the traffic situation; but just parts. They have the same face attraction as, for instance, the building of a tunnel: an obvious demonstration that action is being taken, and relatively easy to conceptualise and therefore to pursue. They may even work, within their inherent limitations. But effective traffic must involve a comprehensive, coordinated, approach, incorporating a much wider range of measures and a long-term view. This requires expert

It all comes to this: If the impetus created by the King's remarks is to lead to genuine, long-lasting, positive, change in Jordan's deteriorating traffic situation it really is imperative that trained and experienced traffic professionals are brought into the process. In addition, and as soon as possible, those officials presently without sufficient training should receive it. Last August, I wrote in these pages of the urgent need to train the nation's traffic police, so as to allow them more effectively to do their jobs. The same applies to the engineers and administrators whose role in ensuring better traffic conditions is even more vital, if less

I am not suggesting that Utopia is in sight, for I am more than prepared to admit that traffic professionals, however well-trained or experienced, are fallible. What is more. Jordan's much-bemoaned driving culture will not change overnight. Nevertheless, with a willing administration and the professionals on board, there is a genuine opportunity that Jordan's traffic situation can be improved. Without such expert help, I'm afraid that similar optimism simply cannot be justified.

The writer is a traffic engineer. He contributed this article to the Jordan Times

#### All men are not brothers some men are naturally, in-stinctively, the enemies of other men whom they are tory, A.J. Toynbee, called

By G.H. Jansen

"ALL MEN are brothers" is the inspirational title of one of China's classical novels, a lengthy tale of how the oppressed peasants, by standing together, defeat the rapacious, villainous landlords. All very well and good. But is that title a true statement. Casting an eye across an international scene at the start of 1995, there are several places where men are not behaving in brotherly fashion towards each other. Rather the opposite,

they are killing each other. There is Bosnia where Serbs are killing Muslims with occasional help to both sides from the Croats; there is the slaughter of Tutsis by Hutus in Rwanda which is now well-known though it has been going on quietly for decades; and in Turkey, the Turks and the Kurds have been opposing each other for many years; and in Iraq, Kurds are now battling Kurds; in Somalia, clan warfare has recrupted even before the U.N. peacekeepers have withdrawn; and the Afghan Mu-

their country, especially its capital Kabul.

Can it be that "men" are not "brothers" but that only some men are brothers

Or, cooversely, that

throats. In the list given above how many of the killings could be due to natural, instinctive hatred? Perhaps these: Serbs against Muslims; the Somali clan warfare; Kurds versus Turks; Sunni versus Shia in Pakistan. It can be deduced iahedeen are busy wrecking that the cause of natural, instinctive hostility is not a difference in race or religion because there is no such situations in Somalia and Karachi. But such dif-

alive; nor is hostility due to political differences which are not to be found in Somalia or Afghanistan. Bot inborn hostility is, at best, only a partial explana-tion. Also, though religious and racial and political dif-"natural" hostility, they do provide partial explanations for hostility as such. But hostility due to these causes can change, can wax and wane, as seems to be the case at present in Northern Ireland, where decade-old enmity between Protestants and Catholics can diminish when equitable political and economic arrangements are made. And much the same could happen in Karachi if the Shias are given what they would accept as a fair deal.

All these various factors inborn hostility, religious and political differences, economic grievances - can be causes of war but there has to be a more fundamental explanation of how and why war can be possible, because war is a most unnatural activity and brings to individuals involved dangers and difficulties and death. And yet, human beings, in their millions, engage in war with enthusiasm and selfsacrifice and sometimes for years on end. It is even possible to glorify war and violence. No wonder that

the great philosopher of his-

war one of the "master in-stitutions" of our time along with democracy.

The search for this unknown, unspoken factor has produced at least one probing examination. This was "Ferantal Aggressiveness and War" by George Catlin, published in London in 1939 and almost completely forgetten since completely forgotten since then. Dr. Catio's thesis is that

in every human was there is a reservoir of personal aggressiveness produced by the fact that we all resent the restrictions placed on our desire to do exactly what we want (what Freud called "the pleasure princi-ple") by the inevitable res-traints of family and society. Without those restraints, life would be an anarchie lawless jungle. With those restraints human beings are frustrated. They found outlets through violence and best of all in the large-scale violence of war on the level of nation or community. Without frus-trated personal aggressiveness, war or large-scale violence, would not be possi-

But it is individual leaders who find the outlets for that pent-up violence and make use of these outlets; men like Milosevic in Serbia or Aideed in Somalia or Hekmatyar in Afghanistan.



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Mr. Kabariti called on the UAE to play an active role in moves to mend Arab fences in view of the good relations it enjoys with Arah countries.

The two sides underlined the importance of Arab meetings aiming at countering challenges and highlighted the importance of holding a meeting between King Hus-sein and Sheikh Zayed at the current stage.









## When leaders set out to conquer the word

From Gandhi to Thatcher, great leaders have the ability to tell a convincing story, argues Howard Gardner

IN TWO WORDS, a wonderfully evocative short story, the Chilean writer Isabel Allende relates the tale of Belisa Crepusculario. a heautiful young woman from a desperately poor background who made тападст. a living selling words. She sold memorised verses for five centavos, wrote love letters for nine centavos and, for 12 centavos, in-

vented insults that could be directed towards mortal Belisa Crepusculario's life changes dramatically when she is seized by the Colonel. After his men almost kill her, the Colonel explains the reasons for this wanton treatment. "I want to be President," be declares. "To do that I have to talk like a candidate. Can you sell me the words for a speech?" Belisa agrees to create the requested tapestry of words. The illiterate Colonel memorises and delivers the speech; the audience is "dazzled by the clarity of the Colonel's propos-

tagonists live happily ever Art anticipates life and, sometimes, even social science. From my perspective as a psychologist, Isabel Allende has touched on the most essential feature of effective leadership: tbe capacity of a leader to create a story that affects the thoughts, feelings, and/or actions of other individuals. The Colonel may well have good ideas and he an appealing personality but unless he can somehow capture the ideas in a coherent narrative, that makes sense

to people and that spurs

als and the poetic lucidity of

his arguments"; he wins the

election; and, since this is a

them to think and to act differently, his leadership cannot bring about significant change. Without the power that persuades people to behave in a certain way, he is at most a mere

Leadership has been investigated hy many scholars, of course, and their conclusions can he presented in alliterative terms. Various scholars have focused on the importance of power (leadership is about the attainment and deployment of power); policy (leadership features the pursuit and implementation of a certain set of policies); the role of the public (leadership must generate a rapport with audience); and personality (leaders bave the need to dominate, often to compensate for felt personal deficiencies).

Each of these perspec-tives has validity but they all neglect a crucial component: Leadership occurs in the human mind - it is essentially a cognitive phenomenon. Leaders either devise their own stories or use stories that already exist m the culture, developing or revising them in some way. If leaders are to be effective, they must embody the story in their own lives. Leaders tell stories on many topics but their most essential story is one that (re)defines the identity of

the andience members. If a leader simply had to enunciate a story to an empty mind, be or she would have an easy assignment. In fact, however, all normal human beings (leaders no less than followers) have minds that are fully stocked with stories, drawn from history, the culture, their immediate family enindeed any old story, must compete with the stories (and counter-stories) that are already wellentrenched. It is a singular achievement when leaders succeed in conveying a new story, in having it understood as such, and in thereby redirecting the thoughts and behaviour of their audi-

Recent British and American history provide vivid examples of leaders who were effective storytellers. Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan tolo approximately the same stories, with approximately equal success. According to Thatcher's narrative of identity, Britain, a once proud and grand nation, had lost its way. Socialism, the power of the unions, runaway inflation, and timidity in foreign affairs were all symptoms of a philosophy that was irremediably wrong.

Thatcher called for the reembracing of an older story, "our story," the story of a great people, living in a market economy, where were rewarded, where the government stopped interfering in people's lives, and where, in times of crisis (like the Falklands war), hold steps were taken. Reagan reflected the same themes, featuring many of the same beroes and villains, and when no Falklands war presented itself, he manufactured Grenada.

Even more, though, recent history provides ample evidence of what happens when leaders do not have a good story that they can convey effectively. George Bush and John Major are widely seen as less credible

versions of their charismatic predecessors. Bill Clinton, himself a good story-teller, has far too many stories to tell, and often they are oot consistent with one another. Moreover, unlike Thatcher and Reagan, he appears not to embody the stories in his own life. When a new, effective story-teller, like the Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, appears on the scene, and refurbishes an old moralistically-tinged story, be readily prevails.

over his political opponent. Interestingly, Gingrich appears in many ways not. to embody the stories that he tells. For example, he praises family life hnt comes from a broken bome and had an ugly divorce. He calls for term limits and smaller staffs but does not apply these strictures to his own nascent empire. Whether he will soon be seen as a hypocrite, or whether be will be forgiven this lack of embodiment. remains to be seen.

One problem for today's leaders is that, not least because of the ending of the resurgence of nationalism and even tribalism, and rapid developments in technology, the world is more complex and unpredictable than it was a decade ago.

The challenge this poses for leaders has been described vividly by Ross Perot. As a presidential candidate he fully understood what his audiences needed from him: "We owe it to the American people to explain to them in plain language where we are, where we are going, and what we have to do. Then we need to huild a consensus to do it." But while Perot expressed the dilem-ma, he failed to create an answer that struck a personal chord with listeners. The fate of John Major or Tony Blair may well rest on their respective skills at weaving a compelling tale about the future direction of Britain. A cognitive approach to

leadership provides insight into the similarines and differences hetween individuals in the creative realms (art and science) and individuals in the political realm (institutional and national leaders). Both groups of individuals exert influence on others and are, therefore, leaders. However, creative leaders operate indirectly hy fashioning some kind of symbolic object (a poem, an opera, a philosophical position) that affects future practice in a domain. Political figures lead directly by the stories that they communicate to their followers. Some indi-viduals, like Charles de Gaulle and the anthropologist Margaret Mead, manage to lead both directly and indirectly, but most eventually favour one mode

Creative leaders spend most of their time working in isolation, with occasional forays into the wider world to note the effects of what they have wrought. Political leaders must spend the hulk of their time in the fray, but if they do not retire to reflect from time to time, they are likely to lose their perspective. One crincism of President Clinton is that he reserves too little time for solitary reflection and therefore is too much at the mercy of the most recent individuals to whom he happens to have spoken. Whether leaders begin

from pre-eminence in an expert domain or from more conventional political hackgrounds, in the end they all face a similar probcate an unschooled audilem. Once a leader attempts to address a beterence, she must be prepared ogeneous audience she

embodies much from an individual's pre-school era. The unschooled mind is impatient with subtlety, ambiguity, paradox, or relativism. Some leaders, and I would include hoth Reagan and Thatcher in this category, are quite content to present such a simple message: indeed this was the idea behind the well-nick-named "Star War Programme," which was admired by both individuals. (In fairness, their eventual efforts to achieve a

rapprochement with Gor-

hachev's Soviet Union re-

quired a more sophisticated

narrative).

must assume that she is

dealing with an "un-schooled mind." This is not

the mind of the expert but

Margaret Thatcher was unnsually successful in bandling the problem of how to communicate effecences and with experts. She often surprised both friends and opponents hy her detailed knowledge, shrewd questioning and her capacity to mobilise information in debate. In more than one field she qualified as an

One of her rare skills was that she was able to separate out her expertise from her political instincts, invoking each when needed, but seldom confusing them with one another. While it might be preferable for a political leader to he able to synthesise expertise with messages of simplicity and clarity, Thatcher illustrated how these two strands can co-exist productively within the same person. If a leader wants to edu-

to counter simpler stories that are already entrenched in the mind. This was the formidahle task faced hy Mahatma Ghandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., when they attempted to persuade their constituents that they could engage in confrontation and even conflict without hecoming violent; such leaders can achieve success only if they directly address the formidable "counter-stories" and do so with singlemindedness over a long period of time. Moreover, in a time of crisis, members of the audience prove all

simplest, unschooled stor-To my surprise, I have found during the course of my research that most leaders — except those who became academics - were not particularly good students. They were outstanding in two areas: understanding other people's goals and motivations; and in their ability to express themselves in words - oral expression being more important than written expression. Allende's Colonel knew just what leadership skill he lacked.

too prone to revert to the

When a leader works in an established institution, his power is already acknowledged and he has already inherited a generic story on which to huild. Indeed, if the leader does not want to be particularly innovative, he can simply embody his story in his dai-Iv actions, as the American

general George Marshaii did with marked success. It is instructive to study those leaders who lacked such an organisation. Individuals such as Eleanor Roosevell. Martin Luther King Jr., or the visinnary Europeanist Jean Monnet, must invent their story almost from scratch, find an audience for it, adjust versions that are not effective and, if they want to achieve longer-term effects, create an institution with some longevity.

Perhaps the higgest issue for today's leaders, though, is how to cope with the power of the unschooled mind. How can leaders persuade such audiences, living in uncertain and unpredictable times, to abandon unschooled thinking and to become anchnred at a more sophisticated level of analysis? Unless leaders recognise the power of the simple stories which populate the minds of most people and that are, alas, reinforced by the "soundhite" media — it is more than likely that the simple stories will prevail. The elaboration and "selling" of a more complex story is essentially an educational task, and one that necessarily must take place over a considerable period of time. This is a sobering conclusion for those of us who seek effective leadership in a rapidly changing world.

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#### King visits liberated areas

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future."

"We are confident of our steps," said the King. "We should keep our head high, without bowing to anyone except, God Almighty, and march with determination and resolve towards making Jordan a model for others.

"This is our land, returned to us hy the peace treaty." said the King, adding that "this is the first time an Arah land is returned to its owners

march towards a prosperous without having it heing policed by international observers '

> The King was accompanied on the visit to the liberated areas by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Ahdul Hafez Mirai, His Royal Highness Prince Talal Ben Mohammad, the King's military secretary, and senior Armed Forces officers, who briefed His Majesty on the simation in the area following the Israeli withdrawal.

## Kabariti returns after Gulf visit

(Continued from page 1) He was referring to a call by UAE President Sbeikh Zayed to mend Arab fences.

Mr. Kabariti met with UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ben Sultan Al Nahayan on Monday and conveyed to him the greetings of King Hussein. He also met with UAE Minister for Foreign Affairs Sheikh Hamdan Ben Zayed

and discussed with him the latest Arab and international developments as well as bi-Mr. Kahariti reiserated Jordan's support for the UAE's right to regain means, including referring the dispute to the International Court of Justice.

sed means to end Arab rifts and improve relations between Arab countries, especially at the current stage which the two described as

## Knesset questions 'legality'

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after the Middle East war. The intervention of Mr. Weiss explained the curr behaviour of senior Israeli officers at a brief ceremony on the horder north of the Red Sea.

Israeli General Yosef Michlab spent barely a minute at the scene for a quick handshake over a harbed wire fence before jumping back in his jeep and speeding

"It was on the prime minis-ter's orders that there was no ceremony because the Knesset has not voted on the second and third readings," a spokesman for Yitzhak Rabin said. "Yesterday was just a start.'

The Israelis' formality also

contrasted with the gala signing of the peace treaty last Octoher attended by U.S. President Bill Clinton and reported on live television

worldwide. In Israel's parliament, opposition legislators accused the government of skirting the law by withdrawing without explicit legislative approval.

Why did the government rush into carrying out an action which is against the spirit of the law?" asked opposition Likud Party's Michael Eitan. In the past, officials have said seeking parliament approval was an option but nos a legal requiremens.

The secretary-general of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) on Tuesof Israel's withdrawal from occupied Jordanian territories.

The secretary-general considers it a positive step toward the achievement of the long-awaited peace in the said the statement released by the organisation's

headquarters in Jeddah.
The statement quoted OIC head Hamid Al Gabid, of Niger, as saving that peace must include Israel's withdrawal from the Golan Heights, the occupied Lebanese territories and all occupied Palestinian lands including East Jerusalem.

The organisation, which is the umbrella for the world's one hillion Muslims, said peace in the region must also include the "inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people," including the right to an independent state with Jerusalem as its capital.

## day welcomed the beginning

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children in the centre of Algiers," said foreign ministry spokesman Richard

"This barbarous and indiscriminate act marks a new escalation in violence. Innocent people are suffering as a result of this explosion. France sends its condolences to the families of the victims and to all the Algerian peo-

ple," he said.
"We call again for a dialogue between all of those who condemn terrorism and violence to find a peaceful

Zeroual vows war on bombers solution to the crisis," he

added. In Madrid, the Spanish government denounced what it called "a bloody terrorist attack."

The foreign ministry said: "In the face of such criminal acts, the government reiterates its categorical condemnation of acts of violence (designed) to prevent a peaceful solution to the problems which the country is

living through. Kuwait condemned the "terrorist crime" and said it hoped to see peace and security restored to Algeria, the

official news agency KUNA reported Tuesday.

Miguel Angel Martinez, president of the Council of Europe's parliamentary assembly, said the attack "inspired the assembly with horror."

"The Council of Europe cannot remain silent on such acts which are opposed to the principles we defend." he told parliamentarians from 33 countries at the winter session of the pan-European body.

In Paris, Federico Mayor, director-general of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, also condemned the bombing

#### Settlers want to replace army

(Continued from page 1) imposed after the Jan. 22 bombing, would only be lifted if Mr. Arafat made a visible effort to rein in the militants. The closure keeps iens of thousands of Palestinians from jobs in Israel.

"We don't expect miracles. If they take all possible steps, then the closure will he lifted," Mr. Peres told high school students.

Israel's deputy defence minister, Mordechai Gur, warned over the weekend that if the Palesnnians did not go after the militants and foil future attacks, Israel would not pull out of West Bank towns as required under the lsrael-PLO autonomy accord.

Government spokesman Uri Dromi said Tuesday that the autonomy agreement required Mr. Arafat to extradite Palestinians suspected in the slavings of Israelis.

Mr. Dromi said Israel formally asked for the extradition of five suspects, and also gave the Palestinians names of six additional militants whom Israel would like to question. Ziad Atrash, the top

Palestinian official in the

Israel-PLO liaison comminee that deals with such issues, refused comment Tuesday on the Israeli request. Palestinian police would not say whether any of the five suspects were in custody, In Lisbon, the head of the

PLO's Political Department,

Farouk Kaddoumi, said the

talks on extending Palesti-

nian autonomy were at a "complete impasse." He called for a stronger commitment from international mediators to save the talks from failure and told a press conference in the Portuguese capital that peace Israeli troops had left all Palestinian soil. He also charged Mr. Rabin

with heing of "bad faith." saying that the continued construction of settlements in the West Bank showed the Palestinians could not trust "As long as they occupy our territory we have the right to fight for freedom...

we have the right to resist, for each violent action has a response," he said. Mr. Kaddoumi was visiting Portugal at the invitation of Foreign Minister Durao Bar-

rosoa to discuss strengthening ties. Asked if he helieved [srael was to blame for Palestinian attacks like the January 23

bombing Mr. Kaddoumi told reporters: "100 per cent." Mr. Kaddoumi, a critic of the autonomy accord, did not condemn the attack outright, hut said he opposed killing

innocent civilians in "military

## Jews barred from massacre site

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pravers on Tuesday. A woman worshipper said: People are staying away in fear of what happened here

last year." Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein carried out the early morning massacre last year, firing on kneeling wor-shippers before being heaten to death by survivors. An Israeli inquiry found Goldstein, who arrived several years ago from the United

States, acted alone.

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat on Tuesday launched Ramadan in the Palestinian territories.

would only he achieved when

"For the first time in the history of the Palestinian nation, we announce to the Arah and Islamic world...that the new moon has been observed from Al Aqsa mosque which is administered by the Palestinian Authority. ' Mr. Arafat de-

clared.

Egypt and Libva announceo that the month of dawn-todusk fasting would start on Wednesday.

But for Arabian peninsula countries - Saudi Arabia the United Arab Emirates Qatar, Kuwait and Yemen -Ramadan hegan Tucsday with the traditional sighting of the new crescent.

The difference caused con fusion in Jerusalem's Old City where the faithful admit ted they were uncertain when Jordan, Syria, Lehanon, the feast was to start.

## Population growth, rising unemployment will put more strains on Arab countries

mic strains in coming years due to rising unemployment and a population growth rate higher than the world average, said a report by four Arab institutions.

The 1994 report on Arab economies, obtained by Reuters Monday estimated that three million people would be seeking to enter the Arab labour market each year between 1996 and 2000.

This increase will add to the hurden of Arab economies already suffering from levels of unemployment in excess of IO per cent of the labour force," it said.

The report, based on figures for the years up to 1993, was compiled by the Arah Monetary Fund, the Arab League, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development and the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries.

#### It said there were 240 mil-Turkey says \$2b lost on reassure investors shut Iraqi

pipeline ANKARA (R) — A Turkish oil official said Tuesday the country had lost \$2 billion from an Iraqi oil pipeline shut down since 1990 to comply with a U.N. trade embargo against Baghdad after Iraq

invaded Kuwait. The official from the state pipeline firm Botas said despite losses the company had regularly been paying its toans totalling \$275.8 million and borrowed from foreign and domestic lenders in 1986 to build the second phase of

the twin pipeline.
"We will pay the last tran-:he of \$605,000 of our total lebt on March 7," she told Reuters.

The company had received \$170.8 million from Italy, \$92 nillion from Chemical Bank and \$13 million from local Zimat Bank. She did not say where the final payment would be made to.

The first of the 986dilometre twin pipeline, which carried Iraqi crude oil :0 Turkey's Mediterranean and the second one became operational in 1987.

She said Botas did not berefit from a \$3.5-billion compensation fund, contributed by Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the United States and United Arab Emirates after the Gulf war, as the money was allorated for Turkey's defence

expenses. Botas has been endeavouring to get along by its own means since the Gulf she said.

that the population grew at a yearly rate of 2.7 per cent from 1990 to 1993 compared to 1.9 per cent for developing states as a whole and 0.6 per cent for industrialised ones.

This fast rate of growth occurred despite efforts by some Arab states to promote family planning. It reflected falling death rates and fertility rates almost double those of developing countries as a

The report said life expectancy, access to healthcare and education had improved markedly in oil-exporting Gulf states, Algeria, Iraq and Libya in recent years.

But in poorer Arab countries "the social development indicators are characterised by a decline or negligible

The report covers all 22 Arah League members including impoverished or wardamaged states like Yemen,

MOSCOW (R) — The new acting head of Russia's State

Property Committee, reas-

suring shareholders about the

future of their investments.

has promised to end all talk of

nationalising newly privatised

Pyotr Mostovoi told Reu-

ters Monday evening that his

predecessor, Vladimir Pole-

vanov, had given "a wrong presentation" of Russia's

attitude to foreign investors.

that our relations with fore-

ign investors remain on the

same hasis as they were be-fore Polevanov," he said.

"The hopes of some political

activists and interested par-

ties that there will be nationa-

lisation are completely with-

Investors in Russia's tiny

securities markets took fright

earlier this month after Mr.

Polevanov, previously a local

official in the Russian Far

East, suggested national in-

terests would be best served

by moving firms in some sec-

Share prices fell as foreign

investors stayed away from

the market. President Boris

Yeltsin, who dragged Mr.

Polevanov into the limelight

iust two months ago, pushed

him out again, bringing in

Mostovoi to take his place.

deputy for reform chief

Anatoly Chubais, said nationalisation was not possi-

ble, if only because Russia

had no money in the hudget

to buy back shares from pri-

Mr. Mostovoi, formerly a

out foundation.

"We have to emphasise

about privatisation

Life expectancy in some Arah Gulf states is around the industrialised world's average of about 75 years but it falls as low as 51 in Yemen and 46 in Somalia.

Women formed 19 per cent of the formal Arab labour force in 1990-92, the report

Despite a rapid rise, this is much less than the proportion of working women in industrialised and developing countries which are 43 per cent and 35 per cent respectively," the report noted.

It said the number of children enrolled in primary schools was still less than 75 per cent, but this was expected to rise to 83 per cent

by the year 2000. Literacy programmes had succeeded in cutting the numbers of people who cannot read or write to just over 25 per cent of the total population in 1992 compared to 73 per cent in 1970.

vate investors. Foreign in-

vestment remained impor-

tant.
"We think the participation of foreign investors in

Russia is a factor in the in-

tegration of Russia in the

world community and... one

which promotes a positive

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where capital comes from."

Russia started transferring

state-owned property to pri-

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ing shares in companies for

and then selling them for

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broad measurement of goods

and services in an economy

- is now generated from the

the official economy -

adding the poorly monitored

black economy would further

current priorities in the field

of privatisation included the

creation of a favourable in-

vestment climate which

would include financial stabi-

lisation and clear rules on tax

Russia also needed to clar-

ify the state's role in the

privatisation process and use

the sell-off to raise cash for

the badly-strapped federal

The hudget, passed on its second reading last week

hudget, he said.

and investment policies.

Mr. Mostovoi said Russia's

The figures include only

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ecial privatisation vouchers

Officials say 60 per cent of

over two and a half times in the same period. Russian government Many workers in Western Europe earned more than those of either Japan or the United States in 1993: \$25.71 an hour in Germany, \$22.63 in Switzerland, \$21.21 in Belgium and \$20.27 in Austria.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pay of factory workers multi-

plied fast in Asia over the last

two decades, with Japanese

wages surging ahead of U.S. earnings but other Asian

countries still lagging behind,

according to a new U.S.

Labour Department report.

worker earned the equivalent

of \$3 an bour in 1975. By

1993, the latest year for

which figures are available.

that had risen to \$19.01 an

hour. It was a new bigh for

Japan and well above the

U.S. figure for the year:

The figures include be-nefits paid on behalf of work-

In U.S. dollars, wages in

Japan trailed U.S. wages un-

til 1992, when they moved a

few cents an hour ahead.

U.S. workers' average hourly wages gained only 58 cents in 1993, while Japanese wages jumped ahead by \$2.73.

Japanese earnings have in-creased sixfold since 1975,

while U.S. wages rose just

The German figure applies only to the western part of

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait said

Monday it had decided to

abolish maximum limits on

bank fees and commissions

posits and savings accounts to

help liberalise the economy

and improve banking com-

Central bank governor, Sheikh Salem Abdal Aziz Al

Saud Al Sabah, said the changes would give banks

more flexibility to respond to

market forces, improve com-

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He added in a statement

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News Agency he would not

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Commercial deposit and

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Factory workers are highest

'Average monthly earnings... in manufacturing in the former East Germany were 60 per cent of earnings in the former West Germany in October 1993," the bureau

paid in Germany — U.S. report

Some of the increase in Japan reflects the declining value of the U.S. dollar against Japanese yen, and the effect of Japan's higher wages is offset by generally higher prices for consumer goods.

Prices of goods and services vary greatly among countries," the Bureau of Labour Statistics noted in its report. So the figures do not reflect standards of living or what workers can actually

buy with their pay. The World Bank calculates that when the cost of living is taken into account, the average earnings of all Japanese came to only \$21,090 in 1993 compared with \$24,750 for

the average American. But the trend is improving for Japan. Since 1978, prices paid by consumers have been rising more slowly than in the United States and many other countries, the Labour Department reported.

Last year Japanese prices rose about one per cent, while U.S. prices were rising nearly three times as fast. Inflation was almost as low in Switzerland as in Japan,

but prices elsewhere in West-

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boost their vital role in stimulating economic activity and economic growth," Sheikh

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according to supply and de-mand and this would "ensure

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of banking services and their

cost in a way that will encour-

age banks to increase the

efficiency of their services."

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em Europe rose at close to the U.S. rate.

Newly industrialising countries - the "tigers" of East Asia — showed considerable gains io wages, but from a

low base. The average South Korean worker earned only 32 U.S. cents an hour in 1975, and was getting \$5.33 in 1993. In purchasing power, the aver-age South Korean was still doing less than half as well as the Japanese - \$9.810 for the year.

Some countries in other parts of the world have done much less well: In Sri Lanka, for example, the average earnings of a worker was 28 U.S. cents an hour in 1975. In 1993 it had risen to only 42 cents. In Mexico the rise was from \$1.47 to \$2.59 and in Portugal from \$1.58 to \$4.60.

The Labour Department pointed out that its figures are designed to show the comparative cost to an employer of hiring a worker. so they include costs not necessarily paid directly to the worker, such as the employer's share of health insur-

In France only a little more than \$7 out of every \$10 a worker earns is included in the pay packet. In Mexico, where employers help pay for fewer social services, the worker receives about \$9 out of every \$10.

#### Israeli foreign currency left for the market to decide. The present minimum in-

and P) Tuesday confirmed its BBB plus rating on Israel's long-term foreign currency

mained stable. "The rating balances the substantial strengthening io Israel's geopolitical position. deepening mirco-economic reforms, and improved growth prospects with a high public debt burdeo, estimated at 121 per cent of GDP in 1995. This debt burden likely will constrain fiscal and balance of payments flexibility over the medium term," S'

"The 1993 agreement with the PLO, and the subsequent treaty with Jordan in October 1994, could pave the way for an Israeli-Syrian agreement, which remains vital for a lasting peace settlement. Deep divisions among Israelis, Palestinians and Syrians over the peace process make it vulnerable to important setbacks, though not m a manner likely to seriously jeopar-dise Israel's security," S and

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LONDON (AFP) — The U.S. financial rating agency Standard and Poor's Corp. (S deht, saying the outlook re-

## Alpine forum urges new global economic architecture

DAVOS, Switzerland (AFP) - The pressing need for a new global architecture for world trade has emerged as the key theme of the annual World Economic Forum (WEF) talkfest in Davos, hich ended Tuesday.

Speaker after speaker at the meeting of the cream of the world's politicians and business leaders has sought to tackle the problem how to regulate the world's rapidly evolving trading patterns. From U.N. Secretary-

General Boutros Ghali to World Trade Organnisation head Peter Sutherland to former European Commission president Jacques Delors, all have been at one: The old structures such as the IMF and the G-7 were

not enough.

Over 15 years of attending G-7 meetings I must say that I was always struck that they never treated problems globally, but just one at a time," Mr. Delors told a press conference Monday, somming up the thought many of the 1,500 world leaders in this chic Swiss ski resort

since last Thursday. "I must be frank and say they did not come up with many positive conclusions. I saw few concrete decisions," he said.

The theme of the six-day annual Davos meeting was in fact struck at the outset in a keynote speech by Dr. Ghali launching the star-

studded event.
The U.N. chief put the accent on the social need for a new global economic structure, saying business leaders themselves should take part

in a process of building a new global structure capable of supporting democratic reform in emerging economic

He said they should not allow the "law of profits" to threaten global stability, but rather help to cement solidarity between rich and poor.
"As such it must be more closely associated with international decisions.

"At the same time it must agree to include in its economic strategies considerations of the general interest and collective well-being." he added.

Over the weekend the principle was mulled over in brainstorming sessions as diverse as investment in the emerging superpower China to a debate entitled "Political

Former GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) chief Sutherland took the theme up on Sunday night in a speech called "Key issues in the global economy," when he called for a new framework to be set up "at the highest political level" to coordinate coherent global economie strategy.

"The most immediate specific need is for revised structures for coordination on international economic issues at the highest political level,"

he said. Mr. Sotherland said lack of coordination had "bedevilled" international efforts over Russia, as well as seriously affecting bow the international . community deals with sub-Saharan Africa and the recent Mexican

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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1, 1995 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

ARTES: (March 21 to April 19) There may be some tensions arising in the morning owing to some situations you had not expected. Study it minutely and settle it wisely.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) During the morning you realise that you have not come through with a promise to others as they had been expecting and it's up to you to make amends.

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LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Be sure to improve your appearance during the morning as well as get creative ideas perfected. Later, setting up appointments for recreation so that you have an ideally

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You may find it difficult to get surroundings in order until after lunch, but then all is easy. You can also do much to please close ties starting an up trend in your but LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You should drive carefully

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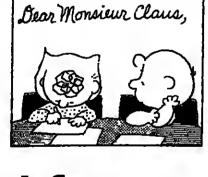
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CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) See that you don't permit that private worry to keep you from getting out early and accomplishing all that you had planned. Evening: Good for relaxation and being with one you love.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You may be quite disappointed if you look to a friend for some favour this mo improve your health and appearance instead.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Do not act foolish this morning or you lose out both in credit affairs and in manners of prestig which could damage your desire for success. Birthstone of February: Amethyst — Onyx

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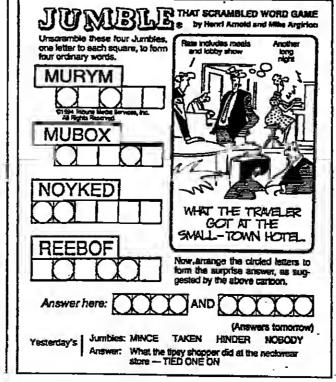








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A review of economic news from the Arabic press

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EU split his specialised French magazine gave Royal Jordanian a rat-CAGE LIM ON ing of 90 per cent in the areas of service and security com-BRUSSELS (APR. pared to other international airlines (Al Ra'i).

☆☆ In order to organise fodder distribution to cattlemen, the government has decided to oblige cattle importers to provide fodder needs for the cattle for a whole month from the date of admitting the livestock to the free zones or the local market. The Ministry of Supply emphasised to courto Oreja, ellic the importers that unless they meet the condition for fodder, their cattle shipments will not be allowed for customs clearance (Al Ra'i).

> ☆☆ Palestinian and Jordanian businessmen bave agreed to set up a Palestinian Islamic Bank with a JD 10 million to take part in rebuilding the West Bank and Gaza and developing the Palestioian economy (Al

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2 system 2 system production \*\* The income tax directorate io Zarga collected JD 2.6 million last year, 31 per cent more than the JD 1.95 mil-Britain press lion collected in 1993. Japan to cut Althoogh the figure for the last year did not include taxes from public shareholding companies, which were co-Trace and Industry vered by a special unit in Amman, the amount in 1994 was 16 per cent higher than the projected figure of JD 2.2 millioo (Al Ra'i).

raised the issue \*\* The Civil Aviation Authority has prepared a JD 60 million plan to modernise and develop Jordanian airports over the coming four years to be able to cope with rapid changes in the air transport industry in bight of the compension which will prevail in this region in the future (Al Ra'i).

> 학학 Jordan produces about 4,000 tonnes of tobacco per year and ranks 64th on a list of 95 countries (Al Ra'i).

# Moroccan phosphate exports rise by 5%

Phosphate exports from Morocco, which has 75 per cent of the world's known reserves, rose by five per cent in 1994 and higher demand and prices are expected this year, the phosphate company

The state-owned Office Cherifien des Phosphates (OCP) said exports of raw phosphate and by-products, which represented 28 per cent of total exports in 1994. earned the country \$1.6 billion, a 13 per cent rise over 1993.

Exports of raw phosphates totalled 9.5 million tonnes in 1994, up from 8.4 million tonnes. A total of 5.49 million tonnes of by-products was exported last year against

Morocco is the world's biggest exporter of phosphates

fertilizers but the phosphate industry, the mainstay of the economy, has been hit in recent years by the world

of rock a year from four open-east mining centres. used to export 20 million

The OCP said exports pieked up in 1994 after a four-year slump.

and Bulgaria. Exports to China and India also improved.

Morocco's share of the world market for raw phosphate rose to 35 per cent from 32 per cent in 1993

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## Murdoch suggests he could raise newspaper prices

DAVOS, Switzerland (R) --Media tycoon Rupert Murdoch, whose newspapers have led a price-cutting war in Britain, indicated Tuesday that rising paper prices may force a rethink.

Mr. Murdoeh, chairman and chief executive of News Corporation, told a news conference at the Davos World Economic Forum that no decision had yet been taken on whether to increase the news-stand price of his publications in Britain.

"If you're in mass media you need to be able to get to the public at a fairly inconsequential price, 'the Australian-born Mogul said. "I believed that papers were too expensive in London so I reduced the price. With the cost of paper going up now and so on that will probably

have to be corrected to some rival to The Times but with a extent.

But Mr. Murdoch said News Corporation had as yet made no decision on purting prices of its newspapers including the flagship daily The Times which now sells at

20 pence — up again.
"But the price of paper has gone up by 30 or 40 per cent in the last three months. That changes the economics of newspapers," he declared. Industry analysts in Britain

say other broadsheet newspapers have been badly hit by the price war, which had forced them to bring down their news-stand costs to levels cutting their operating margins to the bone.

The analysts said any price increase by News Corporation would be welcomed by its\_rival\_publishers. The Daily Telegraph, main

much larger circulation, and the troubled Independent sell for 30 pence. The liberal Guardian sells for 45 pence and the business daily, the Financial Times, for 65 pence.

In other comments on the future of the overall media business. Mr. Murdoch cited remarks by Reuters PLC chief executive Peter Job who told the forum Monday the cost of sending a message over communication networks in the United States was only 10 per cent of the cost in Europe.

"Unul you break up the telephone monopolies in Europe, you will never be able to bring these (multimedia) services to the masses of the people in this part of the world," the News Corporation chief said.

## Cancellation of tax sends Tel Aviv stocks soaring

stock market surged almost eight per cent Tuesday after

unpopular capital gains tax.
The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange Mishtanim index closed at 174.67, a 7.72 per cent rise, amid a high trading volume of 250 million shekels (\$83 million), the exchange announced.

Shares of all but three of the 1,200 publicly traded companies rose, army radio said. Stock of the National Oil Co., which this week announced it struck oil near the Dead Sea, rose 40 per cent. Shares of Elbit, a leading electronics firm, climbed 10 per cent.

The performance mirrored the single-day 10 per cent collapse suffered by investors last August, when the government announced plans 10 tax profits from sales of stock as of Jan. 1.

The tax rapidly became a political fiasco for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. eroding his credibility at a critical juncture in the peace process with the Arabs and at a time of declining popularity over continuing violence and

governmental inrighting.

After years of promising there would be no stock market tax, Mr. Rabin agreed to the levy at Finance Minister Avraham Shohat's urging, arguing it would help fight inflation. Later, he backed away from that argument and implied he was misled by

The initial proposal would

TEL AVIV (AP) - Israel's have imposed a 10 per cent levy on profits from stock sales with no compensation the government cancelled an for losses. After criticism that the plan could have led to taxation on losses, the government proposed letting investors opt for a 20 per cent

> tax on net profits only. But critics continued to hammer at the tax, maintaining it was partly to blame for the ongoing decline of the stock market, which lost 40 per cent in value over the past year.

Last month, after reports he was planning to cancel the tax at the last minute, Mr. Rabin announced it would take effect as planned. But it was never collected, allegedly because of logistical difficul-

On Monday, Mr. Shohat, apparently acting under pressure from Mr. Rabin, announced the tax would be cancelled because it had lost the support of his fellow

ministers and parliament. Mr. Rabin said he preferred to "do the right thing even if before we took a different decision."

Analysts urged investors to avoid overreacting.

"The public should avoid rushing into the market in the way that they rushed out before," said Yaacov Sheinin, head of the Economic Models forecaster.

He noted that excessive investment had pushed the market to unnatural heights. A year ago, before the collapse began, the Mishtanim index stood at around 250.

## Indonesia hopes to strengthen hold on world plywood market

JAKARTA (AP) - Indonesia hopes to increase its domination of world plywood market by building 13 new factories over the next 10 years, Forestry Minister Djamaludin Suryohadikusumo said Monday.

The new factories will bring the country's total production capacity to around 16.5 million tonnes a year in 2005 from the current 11.5 million tonnes.

Indonesia is the largest supplier of plywood in the world, with exports estimated at 10 million cubic metre worth around \$4 billion in

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Following a meeting with President Suharto, Mr. Djamaludin said that Indonesia hopes to earn \$7 billion from plywood exports by the end of the current five-yeardevelopment plan in 1999.

He said President Suharto warned that expansion of the timber processing industry must not cause forest destruction. President Suharto asked forestry concestaires to speed up the planting of trees to guarantee future supplies of plywood.

Indonesia bas been criticised for alleged destruction of its rainforests.

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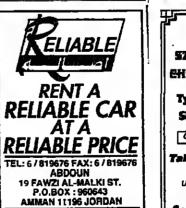
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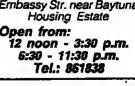




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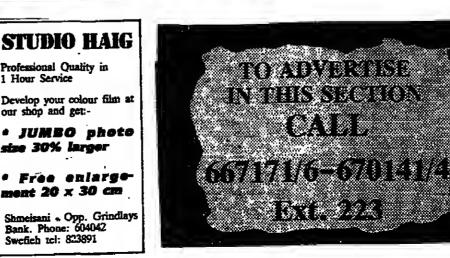


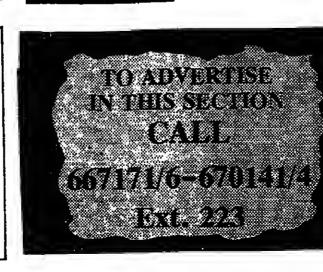
## Housing bank in service of media

Arab and foreign journalists participating in the twelfth conference of the International Organisation of Journalists held in Philadelphia this week bailed the media services provided by the Housing Bank.

A source at the conference said that the "Housing Bank, as a financial institution, cooperated with the Journalist Organisation in supplying several of the conference media needs. The bank has established an information desk, which emphasised the private institutions support for journalism and its faith in the important role of journalism in building

Rashida Al Nifer, a Tunisian journalist who is vice president of the Arab Journalist Federation said; "I, according to my information about Housing Bank in Jordan, can say that it always offers services to conferences held in Jordan, I expected that the journalism event cannot pass without the bank extending its services and participation.









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LISBON (AP) — Brazilian forward Romario, who led his country to the 1994 World Cup championship, on Monday was voted soc-cer's World Player of the

Romano beat out two other World Cup stars, Hristo Stoichkov of Bulgaria and Italy's Roberto Baggio, in a poll of national team coaches conducted by FIFA, soccer's governing

Romario was presented the gold-plated soccer hall by FIFA president Joao Havelange at a ceremony in Lisbon co-sponsored by Portugal's leading sports newspaper. A Bola. and artended by portuguese President Mario Soares.

Known to millions of adoring Brazilian fans only by his first name. Romario De Souza Faria was crucial to Brazil winning its fourth World Cup and was selected the tournament's most valuable player,
The FIFA awards cap a

season in which the diminutive 29-year-old forward also led Barcelona to its fourth straight Spanish title. making good on a preseason promise to score 30 goals for his new team following a transfer from PSV Eindhoven in the Nether-

At the end of the 1994-95 season, Romario led the Spanish League with exact-



## Barkley leads Suns to win over Cleveland best, while Dumars had 26 and Rafael Addison and West had 16 each.

CLEVELAND (AP) Charles Barkley scored 20 points, including the clinching basket with just over a minute left, as the Phoenix Suns heat the Cleveland Cavaliers 89-82 Monday

right.
The Suns finished off a 4-1 road trip and won for the 13th time in 15 games.

Neither team huilt a double-digit lead at any point in the game, which featured six technical fouls on the Suns and two on the Cavs - all for

illegal defenses.
Danny Manning and Dan
Majerle each scored 14 points for the Suns. Terrell Brandon, who mis-

with a sprained wrist, led the Cavs with 20 points. Danny Ferry scored 17 — six on technical foul shots — and John Williams had 16. Sonies 109, 76ers 104: In Philadelphia, Sam Perkins

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scored a season-high 31 points as the Seattle Supersonics won their seventh straight road game with a come-from-hehind victory over the Philadelphia 76ers. It was the fourth straight

in the final minute. The Sonics, who trailed by 15 with 8:28 left, took the lead for good on Gary Payton's driving layup with

31 seconds left.
Datief Schrempf had 23
points for Seattle. Dana Barros had 19 points to lead the 76ers, and Scott Williams added 14 points and 13 re-bounds.

Hawks Miami, former Heat guard Steve Smith hit a 3-pointer with 30.6 seconds remaining to lift the Atlanta Hawks over Miami.

Making his first start in 20

games, Smith scored 19 of his

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23 points in the fourth quarter as the Hawks erased a 20-point deficit. Grant Long, who was traded along with Smith from Miami to Atlanta for Kevin Willis in November coored 20

ber, scored 20.
Miami's seldom-used forward Keith Askins scored a career-high 19 points, and center Matt Geiger added 17 and 10 rebounds. ame that the 76ers, losers of 15 of their last 17, lost a game

and 10 rebounds.
The Hawks used a 25-5 run
to the the game 87-87 with 2:00 remaining.
Pistons 102, Clippers 95: lin
Auburn Hills, Michigan. Joe
Dumars scored 26 points and

matched a career-high with 14 assists as the Detroit Pistons beat the Los Angeles The win gave Detroit its

first two-game winning streak since Nov. 15-17. Los Angeles got within three points with four minutes left, hut Mark West

27, one short of his career

tipped in a missed shot and the Pistons pulled away for the victory.

Grant Hill led Detroit with

Jazz 115, Timberwolves 80: In Salt Lake City. John Stockton had 14 assists Mon-

bounds.

day night, leaving his 11 shy of Magic Johnson's career NBA assists mark, as the Utah Jazz stretched their winning streak to 13 games with a rout of the Minnesota Timberwolves. Karl Malone led the Jazz

The Clippers' Loy Vaught equalled his career high of 30 points and added 12 re-

with 25 points. Isaiah Rider paced Minnesota with 19 points as the Timberwolves their last 11 games.

Stockton, who scored 11 points, had 12 assists in the first half and could have come closer to Johnson's record mark of 9,921 assists had he played more of the second half. Stockton, who has 9,911 assists, sat out all but two minutes of the fourth quar-

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## Italian sport cancelled next Sunday after soccer fan killed

ROME (R) — Italian sports authorities Monday suspended all national sport scheduled for Sunday in a response to the killing of a young soccer fan in an act of violence that shocked the na-

The unprecedented decision was taken at a meeting in Rome of top officials from the National Olympic Committee (CONI) and the Italian Soccer League and Federation, a CONI statement said.

sion, but it was a strong one and the correct one." CONI President Mario Pescante told reporters.

"Italian sport wants to say 'enough to violence'." he

"whoever kills at the stadium, kills the game of soc-

Genoa supporter Vincenzo Spagnolo, 24, was stahbed to death in fighting outside Genos Stadium Sunday before the team's league match against European champions AC Milan.

Police in the northwest port city on Monday said they had arrested a 19-year-old apprentice gardener from Milan on suspicion of the killing.
The youth, named as

Simone Barhaglia, was arrested at dawn at his home in Milan and taken to Genoa. where he was being questioned by magistrates, police

The Genoa-Milan game was suspended at half time with the score 0-0 after word of Spagnolo's death spread through the crowd. Twentyseven fans and police were injured in clashes outside the ground in disturbances trig-

America's

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SAN DIEGO (AP) — Re-

sults Monday of the Amer

ica's Cup sailing competi-



Friends of Vincenzo Spagnolo, the Genoa soccer supporter who was stabbed to death in mass riots following the Jan. 29 Italian League match, place flowers at the spot were he was

killed. Italian sports officials decided to cance all sporting events next Sunday to protect against the killing of the football fan (AFT

gered by the killing. Sunday's killing was the latest example of mounting violence that has marred soccer, Italy's national sporting

Two police officers were seriously injured last Novem-ber in clashes with Roma fans in the northern city of hres-The CONI statement said

affect all national sports activities, including professional league soccer. It will not affect an interna-

tional Davis Cup World Group first round tennis tie in Naples hetween Italy and the Czech Republic scheduled for Feb. 3 to 5, a tennis federation spokeswoman

The CON1 statement said: "The whole of Italian sport ductive. intends to state its total rejection of all forms of violence.

there is no substitute." Pescante said the suspension needed to he followed with strong security measures Sunday's suspension would to reduce violence.

This unprecedented initiative

is designed to defend our

image, our ideals and ethical and social values for which

He and national soccer federation president Antonio Mararrese were scheduled to meet Interior Minister Antonio Brancaccio on Tuesday to discuss the reasons for the decision.

Brancaccio earlier said a cahinet meeting on Monday had discussed soccer violence but were opposed to any sus-

pension of matches, arguing that it would he counter pro-

Matarrese had also pre viously appeared to oppose any suspension.

Soccer is not guilty. But we understood this time, with this death, that we had reached rock bottom," said Matarrese. "We wanted in slow down and see where we are going."

Soccer players and coache had officially requested a sispension of Sunday's League

This was followed by debate over the proper its sponse, with one camp de manding strong measures and the other arguing that the game of soccer must not give in to the violence.

# **Agassi-Sampras rivalry**

the Australian Open, coming of age in different ways and evolving into a 1990s version of the Jimmy Connors-John

decade.

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## evolving into duel of '90s MELBOURNE (AP) — Andre Agassi Pete and Sam-pras crossed a threshold at

McEnroe rivalry.
As talented and fiercely competitive as their predecessors, and far more civil,

Agassi and Sampras are turning into the tennis duo of the gassi won the final match 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4 for the

Australian title, and is in position to snatch Sampras' No. 1 ranking in the coming months after dropping as low as No. 32 a year ago following wrist surgery.
The winner of Wimbledon in 1992, the U.S. Open last

summer, and now the Australian. Agassi's next goal is to win the French Open and become the first American to complete a career Grand Slam since Don Budge did it all in one year in 1938. Agassi. 24, finally showed

a grown-up commitment to fulfilling his tennis potential, winning the tournament from which he always truant, and handling himself with poise on and off the court. His shorn hair added to his look of maturity, but the difference from his early days in the way he played and acted went beyond a superficial change of image. Sampras, 23, revealed the

depth of his character, serving aces rhrough his tears, struggling back from two sets down twice and yielding only in the final when the physical and emotional strain became too much against a player of Agassi's caliber.
The magnificent final.

featuring 26 aces by the defending champion Sampras and stunning groundstrokes by Agassi, wasn't the best march of the tournament. That was in the quarterfin-

als when Sampras and former two-time winner Jim Courier engaged in a five-set struggle that will rank among the most memorable matches in history for the quality of play and heart-wrenching drama. The sight of Sampras solbing for his coach. Tim Gullikson, who suffered symptoms of a



Australian Open (AFP photo) third stroke in four months.

will be the enduring image of this Australian Open. After losing in the final.

Sampras choked back tears when he spoke to the crowd about Gullikson, who became dizzy and lost his speech and vision for half a day the first week of the tournament. "I just want to let him

know I keep thinking about him and that I wish he was here." Sampras said, wiping his eyes. "I've been praying for him the last couple of

Agassi praised Sampras courage in playing through the emotional stress of Gullikson's illness.

"I have to say what I wit nessed Pete do in the past two weeks, with the difficulties about his coach, his courage on the court and off the court is absolutely inspiring."
Agassi said. "We can all learn from what he did. He's a class act. I think he's shown these past couple of weeks why he is No. 1 in the world."

### Agassi closes gap

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#### SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### **Date beats American Fendick**

TOKYO (AP) - Fifth-seeded Kimiko Date of Japan rallied from one set down to beat American Patty Fendick Triesday in first-round singles action at the Toray Pan Pacific Open tunnis tournament. Date, No. 10 in the world. was erratic in the first set, hitting her forehands either long or wide. But she recovered for a 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 victory in an hour and 50 minutes over Fendick. 56th in the world. In other first-round matches, eighth-seeded Iva Majoli of Croatia ousted American Pam Shriver 6-4, 6-0 and Yavuk Basuki of Indonesia defeated American Shaun Stafford 6-1, 6-1 in just 50 minutes.

#### ยกited give Cantona ultimatum

MANCHESTER (AFP) — Eric Cantona has been told that he will be sacked hy Manchester United if he is involved in any more serious trouble following his spectacular brawl with a Crystal Palace fan last week. The warning came from United chairman Martin Edwards, who said: "If Eric was to repeat the sort of behaviour we saw at Selhurst Park, we would have to dispense with his services. 'It doesn't need a Brain of Britain to work that out. If he perpetrated an offence of similar gravity the Football Association would take steps to remove him from the game." Cantona, who has flown to France to avoid the attentions of the media, has been suspended for the club. ng events nevi Sunday to Mazinho heads home to willing of the foother in Mazinho heads home attentions of the media, has been suspended for the rest of

MUNICH (AFP) — Brazilian forward Mazinho left Bayern Munich for good here on Monday after he was sold to Flamengo for 1 million deutsch marks (\$660,000). Mazinho, 29 on Monday, had a spell in Brazil with Flamengo last season. He returned to German champions Bayern at the start of the current campaign hnt only started three matches. The Brazilian joined the Bundesliga club in 1991 for 3.6 million marks (\$2.4 million) and scored II goals in 49 matches.

#### are act and this ter Gunnell confident of lowering record and od rock bonom

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Briton Sally Gunnell said on the said of the sa .. cown and see ale Monday she was confident of beating her own 400-metre world record at the world championships in Gothenberg, world record at the world champion said in an interview Sweden in August. Onlinen, the work, in an interview pean and Commonwealth champion, said in an interview Sunday, L she was intent on keeping all her titles. "I'll be going out was inflowed this year looking to retain all my titles and I very much over the probelieve 1 can break the world record again. 1 think that's with one can what's keeping me motivated, keeping me going. I realise I can knock quite a bit off that — and there's no better place to do it than in Gothenberg." Takning #

#### lan Wright receives four-match ban

LONDON (AP) — Arsenal striker Ian Wright was suspended for four matches and fined 1,000 pounds (S1,500) Monday for a series of disciplinary violations this season. The punishment was imposed by the Football Association after Wright accumulated a total of 41 discipliuary points while being booked 12 times in 28 games. Wright will miss Saturday's Premier League game at Sheffield Wednesday, followed by matches against Leicester, Manchester United and Crystal Palace. He will be eligible, however, for Wednesday night's European Super Cup match against AC Milan and England's game against Ireland on Feb. 15.

#### Storm hits fleet leaders in BOC race

SYDNEY (AFP) — A vicious storm on Tuesday caused havoc among the fleet leaders in the third leg of the BOC round-the-world race. Class two leader David Adams aboard True Blue and lying seventh overall said the winds hit 60 knots and "just about wiped me out." "The headsail tore and the furler got caught and tried to rip the mast out. But all is okay now," Adams said. Nigel Rowe of Britam in Sky Catcher reported to race officials here that his mainsail had torn horizontally from luff to leech and that he was making for the southern New South Wales port of Ulladulla to assess the damage. Defending BOC champion Christophe Auguin of France in the Class-I yacht Sceta Calberson led the fleet by 24 miles with Jean-Luc Van den Heede in Vendee Enterprises in second place, race officials

#### Plans revealed for 1996 Olympic coins

ATLANTA (AP) - Nationsbank and the U.S. Mint have signed a \$1.77 million minimum purchase agreement for the bank to sell United States Olympic coins for the Atlanta Games through its banks. Nationsbank, the country's fourth-largest bank holding company, will sell the mint's 1995-96 Olympic coins in 39 Georgia banks and will place forms for mail and phone orders in 1,760 others, starting March 6. A corporate sponsor of the 1996 Games, Nationshank has banking facilities in nine states and the district of Columbia.

#### McLaren polsed to confirm Mansell signing

LONDON (R) — Former world champion Nigel Mansell appeared poised to clinch a deal to drive for McLaren on this year's Formula One Grand Prix circuit. Sources close to the team said the 41-year-old Briton had reached agreement with McLaren boss Ron Denis for a one-year contract. Neither Mansell nor the team would make any official comment but the sources said an announcement was due to be made in London on Wednesday or Thursday. It had heen reported Mansell was asking a fee of about one million dollars per race, but the sources said he had accepted less than half that figure to secure the seat.

#### Barrett joins Everton after all

LIVERPOOL (AFP) — Everton have completed the 1.7 million pound signing of Aston Villa defender Earl Barrett. The move, which stalled two weeks ago when the former Oldham Star failed to agree terms with the Merseysiders, was finalised after Barrett changed his mind over the deal.

## 49ers get heroes' welcome

With fans craning their necks from office building windows and others climbing trees for a better view, a jubilant crowd of some 300,000 Monday welcomed home the Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers.

"We are No. I in the world, baby" bellowed 49ers tackle Steve Wallace,

Wallace spoke through a microphone borrowed from a television crew during the victory parade through downtown San Francisco to hail the team's record fifth Super Bowl title.

The well-behaved growd contrasted with Sunday night's booze-fueled outburst, which ended in 183 arrests, most for minor alcohol-related offenses. Two men received minor gunshot wounds and one girl was stab-

In 1990, when San Francisco last won the Super Bowl. at least 14 people were treated for injuries related to the postgame celebration. Seven were stahbed, four were shot and three were in traffic accidents.

Acting California Gov. Gray Davis declared Monday "49ers Day" statewide. Davis, the state's lieutenant governor, is filling in while Gov. Pete Wilson is out of the state.

Davis presented the official proclamation to owner Edward Dehartolo Jr. before the start of the parade.

Fans strained for a glimpse of quarterhack Steve Young. wide receiver Jerry Rice and the rest of the players, who arrived just hours earlier from Miami. Spectators stood at least 10 List of Super Bowl winners

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1995: San Francisco 49ers 49, San Diego Chargers 26.

deep in a light drizzle on the parade route along Market Street in the heart of San Francisco. Hundreds of red and gold balloons fashioned into ares were positioned over the street every block or

In the first car, Dehartolo held aloft the gleaming silver Super Bowl trophy. He was joined in the convertible hy 49ers coach George Seifert and San Francisco Mayor

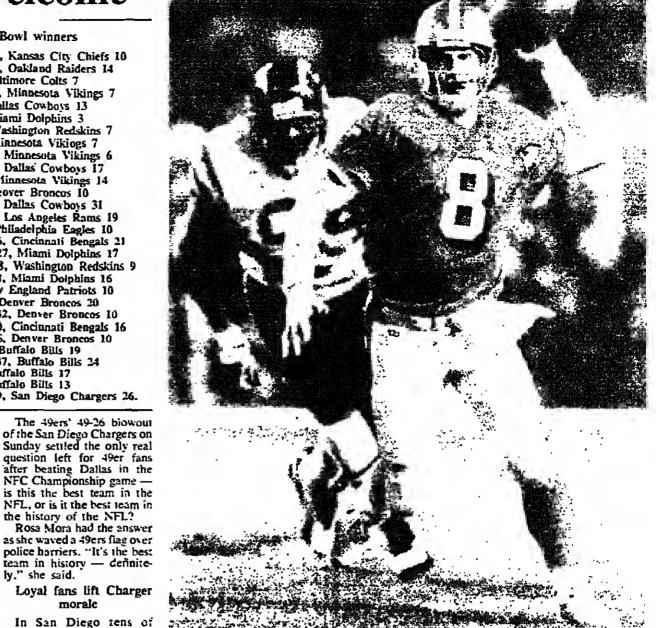
Frank Jordan. Deion Sanders, in a black hasehall cap worn slightly askew and sunglasses, drew shrieks from delighted fans. As Rice rode hy, the crowd chanted "Jerry Jerry Jerry."

The 49ers' 49-26 blowout of the San Diego Chargers on Sunday settled the only real question left for 49er fans after beating Dallas in the NFC Championship game is this the best team in the NFL, or is it the best team in the history of the NFL? Rosa Mora had the answer

police harriers. "It's the best team in history - definitely." she said.

Loyal fans lift Charger morale

In San Diego tens of thousands of fans turned out to console the defeated San Diego Chargers on Monday



Super Bowl XXIX in Miami. Young threw for San Francisco 49ers quarterback Steve Young (right) scrambles away from San Diego Char-gers defeoder Chris Mims and prepares to a record six tonchdowns during the game. The 49ers beat the Chargers 49-26 (AFP photo) throw the football during the second half of

when they limped home from ern California sunshine, Miami and a 49-26 Super Bowl druhhing by the San Francisco 49ers.

"it's a nice welcome, after we did a not-so-good job," said tight end Duane Young with a smile that was almost a wince. "It hurts to lose like that. No one wants to lose

like that. It hurts your pride. But this will help. Despite the bright, south-

look in the mood for a para-Quarterback Stan Humphries said he was "just tired,

many of the players did not

that's all," hut he patiently signed autographs and mus-tered a smile for fans lining the parade route.

Lloyd Breese, his wife Dottie and their adult daughter Eva Lilly, all came out to

"After all, they did good just to get there this year, Breese said. "Next year will

cheered all year.

The good will was almost too much for Chargers general manager Bobby Beathard. "These are the best fans ever," he said. "But next time we have to win - give them something to cheer absalute the team they have out."

## Figure Skating

## Ukrainian men ready to challenge

DORTMUND (R) -Viacheslav Zagorodniuk and Dmitri Dmitrenko give Ukraine a powerful double shot at the men's gold medal in the European Figure Skat-ing Championships this

This may be the year when Zagorodniuk, finally fulfils the potential he first showed six years ago when he placed sixth in his championship debut as a 16-year-old. Dmitrenko, meanwhile,

seeks to approach the success he enjoyed two years ago when he surprisingly cap-tured the European title at this first attempt, only to collapse to 12th place in the subsequent World Championship.

The two Ukrainians went through impressive practice routines on Tuesday for the start of their event, the short programme, on Wednesday. The title will be decided on Thursday.

Zagorodniuk, a magnificent jumper, looked strong and superbly prepared. He is not discounting the

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challengers from his own country, from Russia in the shape of Olympic champion Alexei Urmanov and from France in the mercurial world silver medallist, Philippe Candeloro. Zagorodniuk was second

behind his compatriot, reinstated professional Viktor Petrenko, a year ago hut with Petrenko the only Ukrainian permitted to go on to the Olympics. Zagorodniuk had to cool his heels for the World Championships in Tokyo. where he was third.

"That gave me a lot of confidence," he said.
Dmitrenko's situation was even worse, though somewhat through his own mak-

Sixth a year ago, he missed out on the Olympics and the worlds, his own 12th place finish at the worlds a year earlier allowing Ukraine just one entry in Tokyo. "I had a problem last year,

hut that's life," Dmitrenko said. "Now it is okay and thanks to Viacheslav's second place last year, I am back." Two years ago Dmitrenko

programme and held the top position in the free skating. This year the draw has been even more unkind, for Dmitrenko, 21, has drawn to skale first on Wednesday.

"Hopefully I can get the same result but I'm trying not to think about the placing. I just want to skate cleanly,"

Of the rivals, Urmanov also looks good in practice. But the question he must answer is whether he has shaken off the disappointment of his fourth place finish in Tokyo so soon after his Olympic

He was the first Olympic champion ever to fail to medal at the subsequent World Championships.

Candeloro, who will take his popular routines from "The Godfather" movies a step further this season. maintains he is not in the peak of condition yet. "I'm in my European Championship shape, not in my World Championship

shape," he said. Then he went on to comolete an excellent practice. including a flawless triple axel in combination.

## S.F. bask in glory, but field auestions on next season

MIAMI (AP) - Super Bowl - How will they avoid the what the volatile and emowinners rarely get a chance to inevitable post-victory let- tional Debatolo might have

So Steve Young and George Seifert, whose San Francisco 49ers put on a dazzling offensive show Sunday, spent Monday playing de-

They responded to ques-

tions such as: - What will they do if offensive and defensive coordinators Mike Shanahan and Ray Rhodes leave for head-

coaching jobs?

— What will they do if Ricky Watters and Deion Sanders sign lucrative freeagent contracts with someone else. or if Jerry Rice should

actually decide to retire?

down? Some postmortem.

They just went through 2 pressure-filled season that ended it in the only way acceptable to them - with a Super Bowl victory. As Carmen Policy, the team's president, said a couple of weeks ago of owner Eddie Debar-

tolo's philosophy:
"If you win, it's hugs and kisses and champagne. If you lose, it's death.

Well, it wasn't death. But if the Niners hadn't beaten the San Diego Chargers on Sunday by the NFC team's now traditional 23point margin, who knows

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He might have kicked Seifert upstairs, plucked Shanahan off the plane to Denver and made him the head coach. He might have traded with Kansas City for a quarterback named Joe something; he might have... Instead, Young and

Seifert, weary from the allnight celebration, basked in the glory for a minute or two. Then they were asked less

about the past than the future, or about the place in history of a franchise whose five victories in the past 14 years give them the most Suger Bowls in history,

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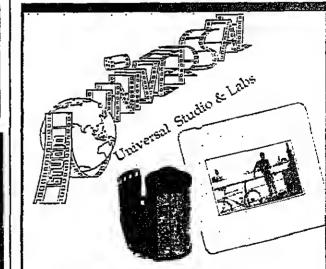
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try in one of the red suits. We would select three diamonds, leaving room for a counter try of three hearts if partner also has doubt. Q.1-As South, vuinerable, you The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East

1 \( \cap \) Pass 1 \( \cap \) Pass partner also has doubt.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

4985 VK10985 QQ 4KQ7
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
Pass Pass 1 Q Pass

1 Q Pass 2 Q Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—We have a sneaky suspicion most of our readers chose to rebid one no trump, despite the fact the "stoppers" in the black suits leave much to be desired. However, we don't like suppression such spoof What action do you take?

A.—This is close. Your queen of diamonds must be upgraded, so we feel your hand is worth further acdon't like suppressing such good support for partner's suit, so our choice is two hearts, even though we tion. The only game try that has merit is an invitational re-raise to three harts. That confirms an ade-quate trump fit and asks partner to bid on only with solid opening-hid have only three-card support. Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold: +AQ872 VAQ6 VAQ5 +93

The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
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What do you bid now?

A.—With a hand that revalues to 19 points, it might seem that four spades is the obvious bid. However, your "good" hand includes five losers and no body. Rather than bounce right into game, we prefer a

hold:

#AJ7 

#AJ10 

#AJ10

reason why you abould suggest any-thing other than a no-trump con-tract. Bid two oo trump. Q.5-Both vulnerable, as South

area. Gardens Street.

you hold:

AQ4 ♥103 ♦K1084 ♣AK83

What is your opening bid?

A.—In the old days, there was a stricture on opening one no trump unless you held at least Q x in your short suit. However, experience has shown that, if you do not reveal the salien features of this hand imme-

Q.6-As South, vulnerable, you bold:

AKQJ10 ♥9 ♦KQ 4J10983

The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East

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What do you bid now? A.—It's tempting to rebid some number of spedes, especially with 150 honors, but if partner has a club fit, you could be going down in two spades when a game in clube is on. Bid two clubs and see what

## Zeroual vows to wipe out bombers

ALGIERS (Agencies) — President Liamme Zeroual on Tuesday visited Algerians in hospital, wounded by a carbomb the previous day. and vowed to "exterminate the monsters" who carried out the attack which killed 40

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Another 256, many of them children, caught in the fire and shock waves from the blast or speared by glass from shattering windows in the crowded street, were wounded.

Mr. Zeroual, the fourth president in Algeria's three years of violence pitting security forces against Muslim fundamentalists, promised the patients they would be well cared for.

The whole world knows that the Algerian people and state will not yield before batbarism. This type of operation gives us more strength and effectiveness in pursuing our struggle against these monsters until they are exterminated," he told repor-

Newspapers said a suicide bomber at the wheel of a stolen white Fiat packed with 100 kilogrammes of TNT had pulled off Monday's bombing, the deadliest attack in the guerrilla warfare that has killed some 20,000 people.

The drivet was a "terrorist kamikaze" who drove straight into the building, El Watan and La Tribune newspapers said.

The police on duty had just time to fire a round in his direction," Al Watan said, adding that the two-metrewide crater left by the explosion proved that the attacker wanted to cause maximum destruction and deaths.

The car bomb incinerated numerous vehicles and shattered windows in buildings several blocks away. Downtown businesses were especially crowded in anticipation of the month long Ramadan holiday, which starts Wednesday.

Most of those injured were pedestrians, including many women and children. Numer-

when it tried to dump the

acrylates in the Kerswan

mountains," said Fuad Ham-

dan, the Hamburg-based

spokesman for Greenpeace's

found hydrocarbons from oil

residues and chlorinated sub-

stances like HCBD, a highly

toxic chemical that causes

neurological damage and re-

nal necrosis and is a sus-pected carcinogen," Green-

It also reported finding

toxic heavy metals in the

solid waste samples from the

containers, which "exceed permissible levels."

were also found in a separate

sample taken from the Kers-

wan mountains and given to

Greenpeace by a "reliable

source" in Beirut, the group

Some 16,000 barrels and 20

containers of toxic waste

were dumped in Lebanon

during the 1975-1990 civil war

and most of it remains in the

country, according to Green-

believe the barrels found in

the Kesrwan region and

stored at Beirut port were

part of a shipment of highly

toxic Italian waste illegally

imported to Lebanon in 1987-

Many experts in Lebanon

Large amounts of lead

"Dumping is no solution in

Mediterranean operations.

ous other victims were aboard a passing bus that was ignited by the blast.

The car that contained the bomb was reduced to a heap of twisted metal. State radio said it was stolen Monday in the Algiers suburb of Larbaa. a Muslim fundamentalist stronghold.

La Tribune, an independent daily, quoted witnesses as saying the car suddenly veered out of its lane and headed towards the police station before exploding.

Bombs have been used increasingly in the past year of the conflict, a guerrilla-style struggle that had been mainly confined to hit-and-run gun and knife attacks. There had been about six previous carbombings, some claimed by the armed militants. None killed more than five people.

Mr. Zeroual pledged to forge ahead with his plan for a presidential election "by the end of the year" and said "the state has asked international organisations to send

of Europe and U.N. agency also condemned the blast. "France condemns the mutderous attack which cost the lives of several dozen peo-

feared that they would no

longer be safe anywhere from

the terror\_campaign. Last

October, five smaller car-

bombs exploded here simul-

taneously, wounding four

Newspapers carried horri-

fic pictures Tuesday and said

that blood and flesh could be

seen stuck on the upper

storevs of buildings. Al

Watan reported: "Some of

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ed up with spoons by tearful

men were no bigger than a

France, the former colonial

power in Algeria, denounced

the bombing, saying it marked a new escalation in

violence in the country's civil

Kuwait. Spain. the Council

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## Libya says it is cleared of Pan Am blast charge

TRIPOLI (Agencies) — Libya said Tuesday that a report in a British newspaper had cleared it of charge of blowing up a U.S. airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland in December 1988.

"The new flawless evidence invalidates the Western allegation and proves the innocence of the two Libyan suspects in the so-called Lockerbie affair," Libya's state-run radio said.

"U.S. and British intelligence have been persistently trying to mask the truth which confirms their implication in the incident.... the U.S. and British govern-ments insist on using Libya as a scapegoat for political

The Independent said Monday a secret Federal Bureau of Investigations (FB1) document challenged prosecution evidence that the bomb that destroyed the Pan Am plane was loaded onto the plane in Frankfurt, after arriving in Germany on a

reasons

different flight from Malta.

British and U.S. authorities have charged Al Amine Khalifa Fhimah and Abdul Basset Ali Al Megrahi, Libvan Arab Airline employees in Malta, with sending the booby-trapped suitcase to Frankfurt on an Air Malta

flight. However, the FB1 briefing

piece of luggage was un-loaded from Air Malta 180, sent through the luggage routing system at Frankfurt airport, and then loaded on board Pan Am 103," The Independent said. The document suggests the

crete indication that any

baggage records were "misleading" and the bomb suitcase might have come off another flight or simply been a "rogue bag inserted into the system." said the British newspaper

The U.N. Security Council in April 1992 imposed an air and arms embargo on Libva to force it hand over the two Libyan suspects for trial in the United States or Scot-

The sanctions were tightened in December 1993 with a ban on some oil-related equipment and a partial freeze on Libyan assets

The Independent's report follows one by the Scottish Daily Record last week that U.S. intelligence documents released under the explosion

which cost 270 lives. Both London and Washington insist the evidence still points to Tripoli. The German authorities

meanwhile reacted angrily to allegations it could have pre-

of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) had been arrested by the German authorities in October 1988 only to be released soon afterwards, two months before the Lockerbie hombing.

The newspaper said that he had been freed even though another man arrested at the same time bad ideotified him as an explosives expert. It said the man was now regarded by several experts as the brains behind the attack on the Pan Am flight.

A spokesman for the German federal prosecution service, based in Karstruhe and responsible for affairs involving terrorism, described the charges Monday as "absurdi-

He denied allegations made by the Sunday Telegraph that the man had been arrested in possession of de-tonators of the type used in the bombing which had been handed back to him when he was freed. The authorities confirmed

that the man maned in the report had been arrested. with two other people, for an attack carried out against an American ammunition train in October 1988.

But they said no detonator had been seized and that the man had been freed in the absence of sufficient proof.

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PARIS (AFP) - The Eurounion (EU) will send a regation to the Middle East Fawzi said. "He has informed both men and they have accepted the decision." De et week to support the subled peace orocess, a much foreign ministry presman said Weonesday. rokesman Richard Duoue at the EU would send a dateral delegation to the said East from Feb. 7-10. in Successive stops in Syria. and Gaza and Lebanon. The delegation will be led by ineiga Minister Alain Juppe france, which currently resides the EU, and willingly representatives of in and Germany, respecselv France's successor and relecessor at the EU's elm. "We support the peace moss and hope that the ment difficulties will be

## lebanon to probe

ERUT (AFP) — The lebanese government ednesday asked the court justice to investigate the imping of toxic waste in ⊭ ∞mmittee to remove it squickly as possible, offias said here. The decision is taken a day after the structional environmental pup Greenpeace accused the Environment Ministry of ing to dump containers of buc waste in mountains antheast of Beirut. The com of justice will try to find

who brought thousands dibarrels of toxic waste into danon. India denies building

ran chemical plant EW DELHI (R) — India s stressed it has no chemicweapons and does not have te technology or expertise to anufacture them. The Indi-Foreign Ministry, in a dement faxed to Reuters n Wednesday, denied a reon in the Washington Times at three Indian companies the helping Iran build a attet poison gas complex. he statement quoted a istry spokesman as saying Washington Times had Tade similar allegations io he past. Monday's Washing-I Times story was reported the Indian Express. "Clarhing the position, the okesman said the projects the construction of pestides factories in Iran were out to international tenand Indian companies these tenders in open

Hurd: Libya still Prime blast suspect UNDON (AFP) — British

implicating Iran in the Lockerbie airline bomb Douglas Foreign Minister Miglas Hurd said Britain's e against Libya had not the House of Comtons hearing came in the ate of a Scottish newspaper pon last week that newly das intelligence tatalish ved an Iranian in million to bomb the Jum jet. "During the early isid Mt. Hurd, the possibil that Palestinian extremis poups might be responsible estensively investigated of training involvement.

## Toxic chemicals found at Relatives visit Khiam Beirut port-Greenpeace

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BEIRUT (AFP) - Greenpeace experts found toxic chemicals in bartels of waste stored at Beirut port during analysis of their contents, the environmental group said in a statement received here on

It urged the Lebanese government to take steps to dispose of the waste and set up a safe storage system.

The Lebanese authorities were meanwhile considering legal action after a member of parliament, Samit Aoun, last week accused govern-ment officials, including Environment Minister Samir Mogbel, of involvement in waste dumping, the press

"The battels contain methyl acrylate and ethyl acrylate, a highly flammable liquid used in the production of plastics, and toxic chlorinated paraffins, as well as toxic heavy metals in solid waste,' the Greenpeace statement

The acrylates are water soluble and could easily leak out and contaminate the ground water supplies of an aquifer... It would take a comparatively small amount of acrylate to contaminate an aquifer for many years, it

Greenpeace experts took samples from dozens of barrels of toxic waste during a visit to Lebanon in November amid widespread allegations that the waste was poisonous.

The barrels were found in August and September in the Kerswan mountains northeast of the capital and transported to Beirut port. At the time Mr. Moobel

# take in the summer of 1994

their relatives for the first

getting rid of toxic waste." he time in several years. But Israel's proxy militia. the South Lebanon Army (SLA), which runs the prison along with the Israeli atmy. refused to grant access to the International Committee of

> from visiting Khiam prison since it was set up in Israel's self-declared "security zone" in 1985.

The 1CRC has been barred

the SLA suspended the visits but the ICRC maintains the last visits took place seven years ago.
The 1CRC delegate in Beirut. Bernard Pfefferle.

confirmed that the Red Cross was not allowed to inspect the prison. "The importance of the agreement is that all detainees without exception will

The visitors, all female except for one elderly man. were escorted to SLA headquarters in Marjayoun, in the

security zone," by two dele-From there one group was taken to Khiam prison near the border with Israel for a 10-minute visit, while the

jayoun hospital. Mr. Hijazi, a 45-year-old father of six children, has been treated in hospital for around a month for a blood clot on the brain which

caused partial paralysis. His father. Ahmad. and daughtet Mariam, were among those who went to his

inmates. But some have since been freed.

Israeli activists temained in Khiam. Another 64 have After leaving the Israeli-held sector, the families were debriefed by Lebanese army

They would not talk to reporters, apparently warned by ICRC that statements might undermine future A Lebanese security offic-

er, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the families told the Lebanese army they were disappointed because

ers are Lebanese or Palestizone. there for almost 10 years. although a few were cap-

bedside and appealed for his speedy release from jail. 'I cannot express my feelings enough. I haven't seen my son in 10 years," said a

Most of the Khiam prison-

The bulk have been No visits by relatives or

humanitarian organisations had been allowed before. The Lebanese government

and several international human rights organisations have been demanding an improvement of treatment of the Khiam prisoners. The government says at least 14 prisoners have died either from maltreatment or mainutri-

## vented the bombing. The Sunday Telegraph repaper states "there is no con-Russians intensify bombing of Grozny, but gain little

MOSCOW (Agencies) -Russian forces intensified their shelling of rebel strongholds in the Chechen capital Grozny to try to take the city, and battles flared in other parts of the breakaway re-

Russia's more experienced Interior Ministry troops have started replacing Russian soldiers in Chechenya and are setting up bases in northwestern regions controlled by the Russian army, Deputy Interior Minister Alexander Kulikov said.

He told a press conference the Interior Ministry troops were setting up five police departments in this area. Moscow is sending them in to police the breakaway Caucasus republic once it manages to restore Russian rule. The elite Interior Ministry

forces have been present in Chechenya since the start of Russia's intervention six weeks ago, charged with patrolling strategic toads, while the army has been engaged in

the fighting. Mr. Kulikov said it "is difficult to specify" when military operations will end in Chechenva.

But when they do, the Interior Ministry will set up 11 tegional departments manned by 2,500 men as well as a brigade of Interior Minis-

try troops who were already Chechenya before Dzhokhar Dudayev's arrival in power," the official said, In all, 2,700 Interior Ministry troops from 40 regions in Russia are now deployed in

Chechenya, he said. Mr. Dudayev proclaimed his tiny oil-rich mainly Muslim republic independent in

The deputy interior minister said armed formations from the Chechen opposition "will be admitted into the police regiments in Chechenya after passing the necessary exams.

The process of replacing try troops could take from 10 to 15 days time, according to a senior Russian military official in Mozdok, the town of Dagestan used as a Russian base to launch its assault across the border in Chechenva.

The Russians rained shells on the central Minutka Square and the Chernorechive and Aldy suburbs on the shartered city's outskirts. Russian news agencies

Battles were also reported at Grozny railway station and near the Khankala airfield just outside the city. The official ITAR-TASS news agency said artillery fire on Grozny had been stepped up since Tuesday morning as the Russian forces prepared for the "conclusive stage" of their campaign. It quoted the government's press service as saying Rus-

sian troops had crossed the Sunzha River, one of the front-lines in Grozny, but the report could not be confirmed independently.

"Fighting also erupted around Argun, about 15 kilometres east of Grozny, and in Samashki, a village 60 kilometres west of the capital which lies on the only road open for refugees fleeing to region.

Reuter correspondent

Richard Balmforth, who pas-

sed through Samashki early

on Tuesday, saw a Russian armoured personnel carrier lying by the road, apparently torn apart by an anti-tank weapon or grenade launcher. Chechen fighters said the vehicle had been part of a military convoy which they

attacked on Monday.

The Russian government's press service said moves were under way to prepare for the final stage of the military operation but Chechen resistance remained stubborn.

## Prosecutor says Abdul Rahman planned widespread terrorism

NEW YORK (Agencies) -A fiery Egyptian cleric and his followers planned widespread destruction and slaughtet in the United States the likes of which the world has never seen." a federal prosecutor has charged Mon-

Prosecutor Robert Khuzami made his accusations in opening statements in the case against Egyptian Sheikh this country.

the soldiers who fought the war are seated before you in the courtroom," he told the jury. "They spoke of war. They planned destruction and death that any army would be proud of."

The group is accused of helping to plan the 1993 World Trade Centre bombing that killed six and injured more than 1,000 and with plotting to bomb the United Nations headquarters and oridges and tunnels leading into New York city.

The indictment alleged they are responsible for the November 1990 murder of radical Rabbi Kahane in New York and that they had planned to kill Egyptian President

Hosni Muberak during a 1993 One of the key defendants in the case is Al Sayyid

Nosair, who was acquitted of

Kahane but was convicted of Mr. Khuzami said the vio-

lence in New York was just the first part of the group's plan to carry out a 'fullscale" war of terrorism throughout the United States the likes of which the world has never seen."

Abdul Rahman told the government's confidential informant Emad Salem he wanted to see attacks on the U.S. military. Prosecutors allege that the cleric is the group's spiritual leader who encouraged the defendants to com-

his sermons and religious in-

"It (prosecution) is based solely on his words ... words uttered as religious teachings ... words protected by our constitution. The credibility of the gov-

ernment's star witness in the trial was called into question by every lawyer who spoke to the jury Monday Mr. Salem, the former Egyptian army operative who

statement. After working as an informant for the government, he

walked out on the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 1992 because he did not want to testify and lose his anonymity, Mr. Khuzami After the World Trade

Furthermore, Mr. Salem

And possibly most damag-

But Mr. Khuzami said that

sleazy disgusting human

Mr. Salem proved such ao easy target that the prosecutor tried to soften the blows with some criticism of his

Sure. Salem's record does not sparkle, Mr. Khuzami conceded in his opening

Centre bombing, he agreed to return to work for the

taped many conversations with his FBI handlers without

ing: When Mr. Salem testified during a trial in state court about a car accident, he lied to the jury about his military record.

Mr. Salem's testimony will be supported by other evidence. including videotapes, audiotapes and witnesses. Defence lawyer Roger Stavis called Mr. Salem "a vile,

Lawyer Anthony Ricco called him a hustler and a

sons to divorce LONDON (R) — Newspaper reports that Queen Elizabeth held a royal summit with her sons Charles and Andrew to urge a donble divorce from their estranged wives prompted a palace denial Monday. Press accounts said she acted to save the British monarchy, hit by scandals that have damaged its once-high prestige. Newspapers quoted royal sources as saying the queen bluntly told the princes at the end of last week at her country estate that divorce was vital to polish the family's tarnished reputation.

Both royal heir Prince Charles and his wife Princess Diana, and younger brother Prince Andrew and Sarah have been separated since 1992. "The Queen believes it is important for the state of the monarchy that decisive action is taken," one toyal source is quoted as saying in Monday's Daily Express: "Once the divorces are through, the monarchy cap: make a fresh start." Buckingham Palace denied media versions of events. It said it was inaccurate to describe the meeting at San dringham in eastern England as a summit and "wildly spot culative" to link it with the

princes' marriages. Separated twin speaks, sister critical

TORONTO (AFP) — Hirs Jamal, one of the Siamese twin sisters from Pakistan who were separated by surgeons last week. "awake, alert and continues to improve," doctors said Monday. But her sister Nida is having a tougher time and 'remains in critical condition and is under heavy sedation with a ventilator breathing for her," a statement issued by the Hospital for Sick Char dren here said.

#### The Lebanese governidentified the waste as ethyl ment must order a search for acrylate, stressed the waste all missing barrels dumped since 1987-1988 in areas like "The Lebanese Environthe Kesrwan mountains, ment Ministry made a mis-Egyptian official says

the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation said Tuesday he believes archaeologists have found the long-sought tomb of Alexander the Great.

"I do feel that this is the

tomb of Alexander." Abdul

Halim Noureddin told the Associated Press. "All the evidence is there."

He added: "We have dreamt about this fot a long time. When you find it, you never quite believe it."

country's ranking Egyptologists, made the statement after visiting the site near the oasis nisation to prepare fresh of Siwa in Egypt's western desert. Siwa is 80 kilometres east of the Libyan border. The burial place of Alexander is one of the great unsolved mysteries of the

Mr. Noureddin, one of the

ancient world. History has it that the Macedonian warrior died in Babylon, Iraq, and that his body was moved to Syria and then to Egypt. But the burial place was

never found. A Greek expedition disclosed last weekend that it had discovered two limestone plaques near what appeared to be a large tomb at Siwa. The plaques were written in Greek and talk about how Ptolemy, one of Alexander's aides and his successor.

brought his master's body to

the tomb and buried it.

according to newspaper re-Mt. Noureddin said there was no question but that "it is a royal tomb." He noted that it is "very big, so it is not for

tomb of Alexander found the ruler of the area or the

province. Newspaper reports described it as 40 metres long and 20 metres wide and built with big stones, indicating it was for a very important per-

Mr. Noureddin added that

the inscriptions provided

'very good evidence" that it

was Alexander's. One reference, he said, appeared to be to "the first and unique among all." Mr. Noureddin said he was asking Greek-language specialists in the antiquities orga-

translations of the writing on the plaques. The Greek archaeological team, headed by Leana Souvaltze. has been digging at Siwa for four years. Mr. Noureddin said the team would continue its work and that he would send other specialists to see the site.

Other convincing evidence appears in references at the tomb to Amun, the sun god. About 570 B.C., the Pharaoh Amasis built a temple in Siwa to Amun, and the temple oracle gained fame for

answering even the most difficult questions. The Greeks later called the God Zeus. Alexander went to Siwa in 332 B.C. for a private audience with the oracle. According to legend, the oracle told Alexander he was divine and

ander took Egypt without a struggle. He is believed to have died in 323 B.C. at the age of 33.

Egypt's rightful owner. Alex-

# jail for first time in years

KHIAM. Lebanon (Agencies) - Four Lebanese prisoners held for a decade in Khiam jail in an Israelicontrolled strip of south Lebanon were allowed Tuesday to receive visits from

said, noting that the mountains were an aquifer region. consisting of water-bearing The analysis was carried out by Greenpeace experts at Exetet University in Britaln. the Red Cross (ICRC). "Greenpeace scientists

> Relatives were allowed in until three years ago when

be allowed to receive visits from relatives," Mr. Pfefferle

gates from the ICRC. family of Rashed Ahmad Hijazi went to visit him at Mar-

woman, who declined to be identified, as she entered Khiam jail. When first set up, Khiam prison had more than 400

Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri said in a statement in Bejrut that 260 alleged antibeen taken to jails in Israel.

intelligence.

they were only allowed to see the prisoners through metal nians implicated in a guerrilla war for the eviction of Israeli troops from the "security

tured later.

## Mr. Hijazi's 10-year-old Egyptian economist takes ESCWA helm

AMMAN (J.T.) — United Nations Secretary General Boutros Ghali has appointed a prominent Egyptian economist as the new executive secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for

Western Asia (ESCWA). Dr. Hazem Abdul Aziz Al Beblawi, chairman of the Export Development Bank of Egypt and chairman of the Export Credit Guarantee Company of Egypt, will be-gin his tenure of ESCWA as of today (Wednesday), at the level of under-secretary general, an ESCWA statement said.

Previous posts held by Dr.

Beblawi include member in

State Council, which is the highest legal authority in Egypt (1957-1960), assistant professor at Kuwait University (1969-1971). assistant professor at Alexandria University (1971-1981), seniot economist at the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (1974-1976), director of the research department in Kuwait's Ministry of Finance (1976-1979). manager of the economics department at the Industrial Bank of Kuwait (1980-1983). and member of the board of directors of the French company SIPAREX.

In addition, Dr. Beblawi

supervised the economic unit

of the Centre for Strategic

Studies of Al Ahram (1971-

1972), and was a visiting pro-

fessor at Soroone University

(1968) and at the University of California in Los angeles (1979). Dr. Beblawi has also served as a senior adviser to the Egyptian delegation to the multilateral Middle East peace talks. Dr. Behiawi is a member in

many associations, including

the Egyptian Association for Economics, Statistics and-Legislation, the Union of Arab Banks in London, and the editorial board of the Journal of Arab Affaits which is published in Califortua. Dr. Bebiawi bas published numerous books and articles in Arabic. English and French. He has also received the award for the best doctoral dissertation from the University of Paris (1965) and the Kuwait Award in Social Sciences (1983).

Born in Cairo on Oct. 17. 1936. Dr. Beblawi received his bachelor's degree from the University of Cairo's faculty of law in 1957. Also from the University of Catro. he received a higher diploma for political economy in 1958 and a higher diploma in law in 1959. From Grenoble University in France, he received a higher diploma in economics in 1961. In 1964, Dr. Beblawi received his doctorate in economics from Paris

Dr. Beblawi is married and has three children. Dr. Beblawi succeeds Dr. Sabah Bakjaji, who served as ESCWA's executive secretary for two years.

Liniversity.

Omar Abdul Rahman and 11 others accused by prosecutors of planning to wage "a war of urban terrorism" in "This is a case about war

state charges that he killed lesser weapon charges.

He alleged that Sheikh

mit acts of violence. But Lynne Stewart, one of Sheikh Abdul Rahman's lawyers, argued passionately that her client is not on trial because he committed any violent acts, but because of

infiltrated the inner circle of Sheikh Abdul Rahman's followers, was called vile and sleazy by defence artorneys who characterised him as a

liar, a hustler and a pimp.

said. government - for a fee of more than \$1 million.

telling them, Mr. Khuzami acknowledged.

GAZA (R) — The Palestine National Color of the nouses hard of the nouses hard of the nouses hard of the noise said. Micharum of palestinians said. Micharum of palestinians said. Micharum of the neighbors and four others in the neighbors and four others in the neighbors and four others in the neighbors and the noise and the neighbors and the neighbors of the nei **U.N.** denies

- The United Nations will

not invite Kurt Waldheim

the former secretary general accused of taking part in National Persecution during Work

War II, to its 50th anniversar

celebrations, a spokesma said Monday. Dr. Waldhen

a German army officer dir

vian who succeeded Dr. Waldheim as U.N. chief, was also

many world leaders. U.S. Secretary-General Bouton

Ghali made the decision after Dr. Waldheim sought an invitation late last year, diplo-

mats said. "The secretary general has decided not h

invite former secretaries

general or former presiden

of the General Assembly?

U.N. spokesman Ahma

Waldheim headed the United

Nations from 1972 to 1982

He was president of Austra from 1986 to 1992.

**U.S. scales** 

back atom

bomb exhibit .

WASHINGTON (R) - The

Smithsonian Institution,

bowing to a wave of political

criticism, said it would rad-

cally scale back an exhibition

of the U.S. bomber Endi-

Gay which dropped the affi-

mic bomb on Hiroshime. "We made an error!".

Smithsonian Secretary

Michael Heyman told a pack-ed news conference called to

announce the decisioa

approved by the National

Museum's Board of Regents

Critics, led by veterais

groups, had said the original exhibition painted America

as villain and Japan as victim:

It gave a graphic account of

the devastation caused by the

bomb. Mr. Heyman said he

regretted the year-long con-troversy which he said "got in

the way of our commemorat

aggression 50 years ago.

The National Air and Space

Museum, a branch of the

Smithsonian, will now cut out

controversial text and pic-

tures of the Hiroshima vio-

Palace denies

Queen urges

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messet ratifies

ing the war, has been denied entry to the United States since April 1987. Mr. Javier and and third readings and just two voted against. Perez de Cuellar, the Pen. left off the invitation list for the June festivities in San Francisco and the October celebration in New York which are expected to draw

## Eldelegation

sprome as quickly as possit," Mr. Duque said.

## aste dumping

Competition," the statement

mhers of parliament (Mps) Wednesday accused by United States of hiding